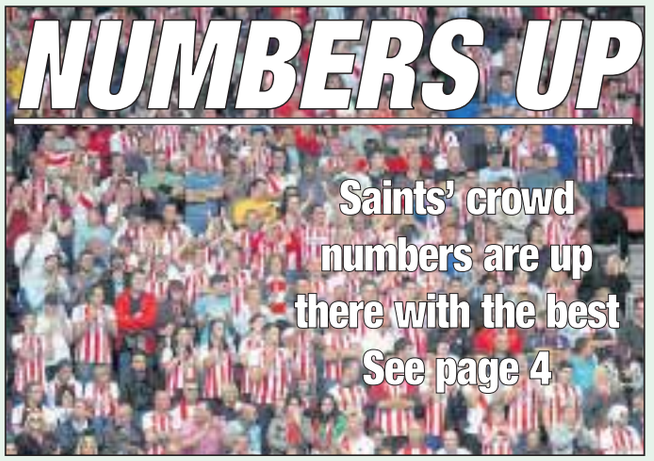
The SPORTS PINK
Saturday, September 24, 2011
55p
Supporting LOCAL sport
Daily Echo
dailyecho.co.uk/sport

HARTLEPOOL SUB'S LATE STRIKE SINKS CHERRIES

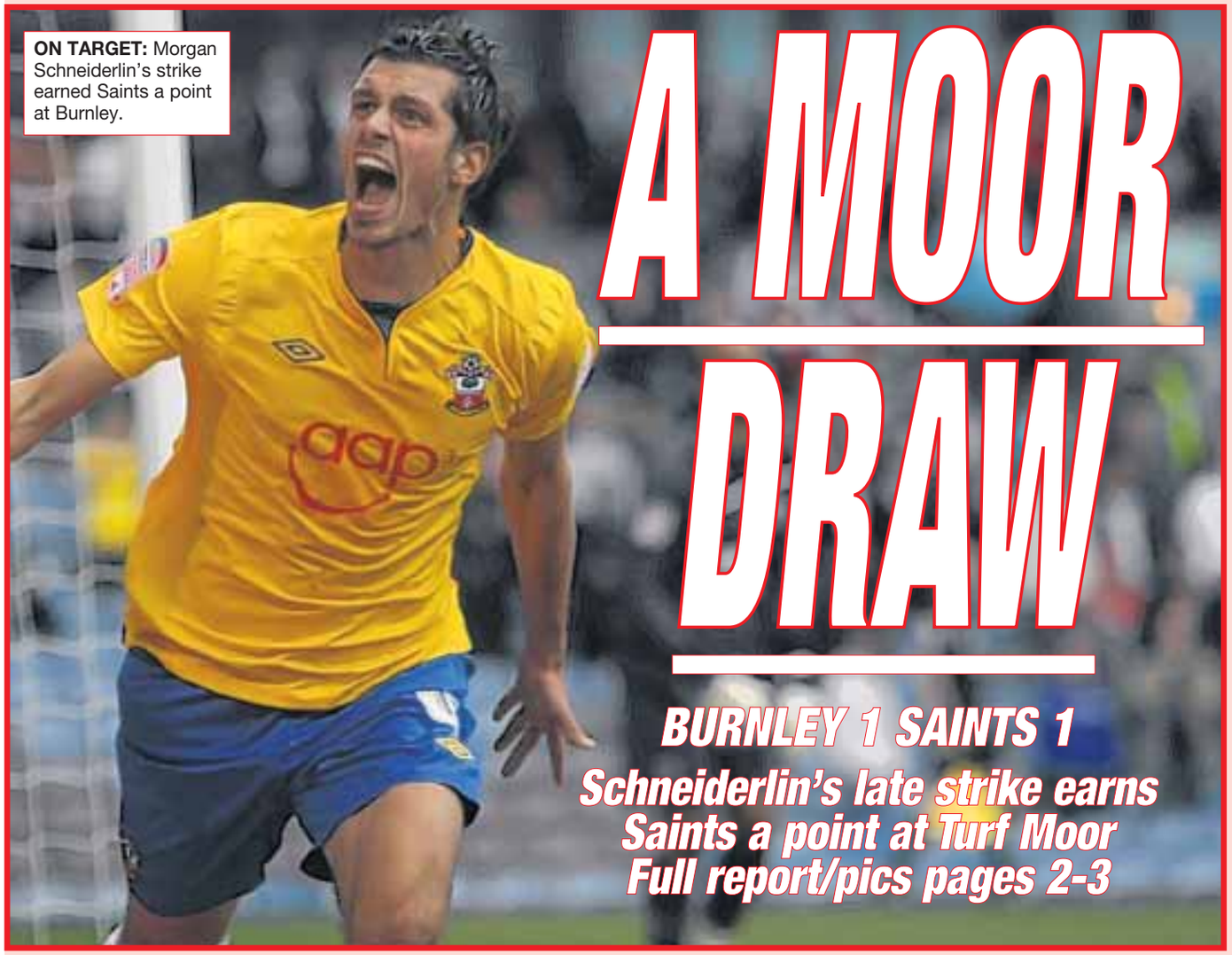
Today's Bournemouth & Pompey match reports - page 15

NUMBERS UP



Saints' crowd numbers are up there with the best

See page 4



ON TARGET: Morgan Schneiderlin's strike earned Saints a point at Burnley.

A MOOR DRAW

BURNLEY 1 SAINTS 1

Schneiderlin's late strike earns Saints a point at Turf Moor

Full report/pics pages 2-3

SAINTS

Legend Sydenham tells all

– see pages 8-11

NON-LEAGUE

SEVEN pages of the best coverage

– see pages 19-25

CRICKET

Pothas was one of the best

– see pages 42-43

Paultons GOLF CENTRE

£25 weekend green fee available anytime
between 7.30am - 13.00pm, Fri - Sun, saving of **£6pp** on normal rate
'Early Bird' times available from 6am - 7.30am Sat/Sun from Just **£16pp.**
Booking essential and prepayment required for this offer. Weather guarantee with this
Contact phone number **02380 813992**
Old Salisbury Road, Ower, Hampshire, SO51 6AN | **www.paultonsgolf.co.uk**

Saints Spotlight

Inside

Page 7: Saints legend Terry Paine's *exclusive* column

Page 13: Adam Rant - Calling time on the Carling Cup

Pages 12: Saints Stats

Pages 19-25: All the latest non-league news

Page 26: College football round-up

Pages 34-35 Youth football

Pages 36-38: Olympic latest - Ben's happy to fly the flag

Pages 40-41: Scare are they now

HAMPSHIRE CRICKET SPOTLIGHT - PAGES 42-43

BURNLEY 1 SAINTS 1: MORGAN'S STRIKE

Schneiderlin's keeps Saints

Adam Leitch

adam.leitch@dailyecho.co.uk

CHIEF SPORTS REPORTER

SAINTS stayed top of the Championship thanks to Morgan Schneiderlin's equaliser at Burnley.

Charlie Austin made it four goals in four games against Saints to give the Clarets a second half lead but second half sub Schneiderlin pounced with ten minutes remaining to rescue a point.

With Middlesbrough held to a goalless draw by Ipswich the point was enough to keep Saints top of the pile.

Saints had the first half chances of the match as Danny Fox's deep cross from the left was headed back across goal by Rickie Lambert but it just evaded several teammates.

However, it was only half cleared by Andre Amougou allowing Guly Do Prado a first time shot from just outside the box that looked to be heading goalwards before a sliding block in the area.

Both sides were showing plenty of attacking intent and were trying to out pass each other, though neither quite got a stranglehold of the possession with neat work at the back and in midfield tending to break down in the final third.

There was chaos at the back on 16 minutes as Saints pulled their centre halves out wide and Kelvin Davis tried to pass short to the man dropping deep through the middle.

Burnley were alert to it, got a foot in and in the end Charlie Austin was able to get in a shot from inside the area that was bravely blocked by a Saints body.

As the half wore on Saints were uncharacteristically sloppy in possession.

That was allowing Burnley more and more chances to get forward and, though Saints were standing pretty firm at the back, they needed to get a grip on the game again.

Referee Anthony Taylor decided to just have a word with Danny Fox, Kieran Trippier and their captains on 28 minutes.

Trippier was fractionally late on Fox but no foul was given. Fox reacted by sticking out a leg and appearing to land a very light kick on the Burnley right back and was probably lucky to escape further punishment.

Jack Cork decided to try an effort from long range, after Davis had this time kicked long and seen his clearance flicked on by Lambert, but. though well struck. it went over the bar.

Marvin Bartley drilled in a low effort from 20 yards on 34 minutes but it cannoned off a Saints leg and deflected wide.

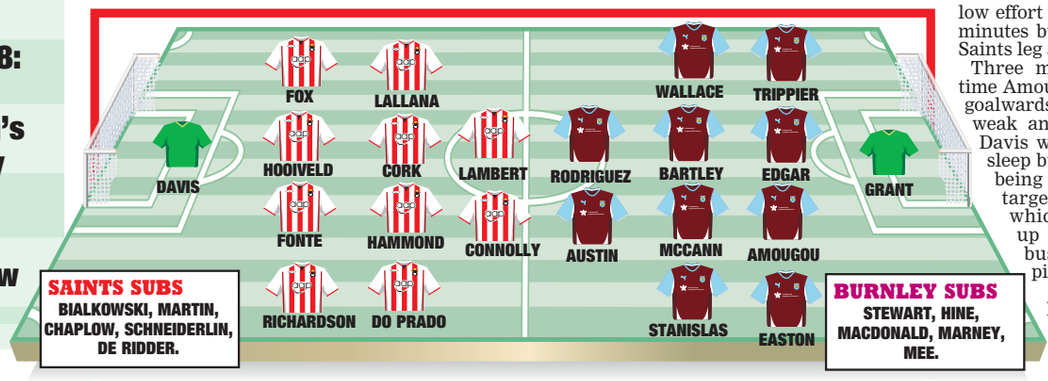
Three minutes before half time Amougou poked an effort goalwards. It was extremely weak and the kind of shot Davis would pick up in his sleep but it was notable for being the first effort on target for either side which rather summed up the efforts at the business ends of the pitch.

David Connolly head back across goal but wide before the break and when the half time whistle went a rather uninspiring game was quite deservedly goalless.

Saints made a half time change to try and get a bit of extra sharpness into their play with Richard Chaplow coming on in the centre of midfield for Guly Do Prado.

HOLD ON: Jose Fonte gets to grips with the Burnley attack at Turf Moor.

Daily Echo pics by Chris Moorhouse



SAINTS SUBS
BIALKOWSKI, MARTIN, CHAPLOW, SCHNEIDERLIN, DE RIDDER.

BURNLEY SUBS
STEWART, HINE, MACDONALD, MARNEY, MEE.

TEAM NEWS

NIGEL Adkins reversed the ten changes he made for the Carling Cup win over Preston for the Championship trip to Burnley.

Jos Hooiveld was the only player to start the hat-trick of games in a week when Saints faced Birmingham, Preston and Burnley.

Otherwise the side was the familiar one that had started the season so well.

Dan Harding, Lee Barnard and Radhi Jaidi are all making progress in their returns from injury but none of them were quite ready to return to the squad at Turf Moor.

TODAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS AND TABLE - SEE BACK PAGE

Saints Spotlight

CANCELS OUT CHARLIE AUSTIN'S OPENER

late equaliser top of the pile

That meant changing to the diamond midfield with Dean Hammond sitting in front of the back four, Chaplow and Cork ahead of him and Adam Lallana just off the strikers.

There was an instant reaction as a Davis long ball was flicked to Lallana by Lambert. It was then fed out to the right to Connolly whose low cross was just blocked by the diving Lee Grant in the Burnley goal.

Austin almost got a sniff of goal at the other end but couldn't make a clean connection on his shot.

Burnley had two cracking chances on 52 minutes as first Brian Easton's left wing cross was only palmed out by Davis but Jose Fonte was back on the line to clear after Austin had tried to turn it goalwards.

Then it came back out to the right and a low ball across the face of the six yard box eluded everybody until it arrived with Easton at the far post but he slid in and put his effort wide.

But there was no let off a minute later as another deep Easton cross from the left picked out Jay Rodriguez at the far post.

He headed back into the six yard box where Austin managed to swing his leg around the front of Fonte to volley home past Davis for 1-0.

Saints responded by forcing Grant into something of a save from Frazer Richardson.

They were much closer to levelling on 58 minutes as Richardson's right wing cross from the by-line found Lambert unmarked eight yards out.

He powered his header down into the ground, it bounced up above Grant but off the underside of the bar and back out.

There was another change for Saints in the centre of midfield on 62 minutes with Morgan Schneiderlin coming on for Hammond.

Saints continued to press but were finding it hard, continuing to run out of a little but of steam and inspiration in front of goal.

Burnley made their first change on 73 minutes with Dean Marney replacing Junior Stanislas.

Lallana had a great chance two minutes later as he was picked out by Fox's pinpoint cross totally free 12 yards out but he didn't get much of a connection on his header and it drifted wide.

The midfielder missed an even better opening shortly afterwards. Again it was from a Fox cross from the left but this time Lallana was unmarked right on the edge of the six yard box and put his header back across goal but wide of the far post.

But Saints did grab an equaliser on 80 minutes.

It was another left wing Fox cross, Lambert got the near post flick on and as the ball fell into a melee of players on the edge of the six yard box Schneiderlin reacted quickest to slam home a half volley for 1-1.

Amougou had a decent chance with a header from a corner to restore Burnley's advantage but directed it wide.

Burnley made a switch with two minutes remaining with Zavon Hines replacing Ross Wallace and then made another with Alex MacDonald on for Austin.

There were four minutes of added time during which Lallana burst through and saw a shot saved by Grant, with the Saints man was complaining he was being held back, but neither side could find a winner and the game ended honours even.

BOXED IN: Saints winger Adam Lallana can find no way through the Burnley backline, above.

HEADS UP: Burnley keeper Lee Grant just about deals with a deep Saints cross, left.

Adkins: We deserved to have all three points

NIGEL Adkins was satisfied with a point at Burnley – but still had a nagging feeling his side could have got all three.

Saints were second best to the Clarets in the first half and fell behind just after the interval when Charlie Austin swooped once again.

But Saints rallied and created numerous chances before Morgan Schneiderlin eventually converted one to earn a 1-1 draw with ten minutes remaining.

Adkins, pictured above, said: "With 80 minutes gone and 1-0 down away from home, Morgan Schneiderlin scores a goal, it's a point gained.

"But when you look at it we had a great passage of play, great cross from Frazer, Rickie Lambert heads the ball down, it's a beautiful pitch here at Burnley to be fair, it bounces up, hits the underside of the bar, ricochets out and you think 'here we go'.

"Adam Lallana, a couple of crosses, a couple of headers, wide, goes through at the end, should have been a penalty – he was too honest for his own good, tried to stay up, shoots and the keeper saves it.

"Jose Fonte cross comes in, far post, misses the ball.

"It was five goals we could have scored after starting the second half brightly."

He added: "To be fair Burnley were the better side for me first half, they were at us and we know we've got no divine right to pass the football about and they denied us that and actually had opportunities themselves first half."

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR BURNLEY v SAINTS COVERAGE

Saints Spotlight

● TWO Pompey players are among those who have committed most fouls in the Championship this season.

Going into this weekend's round of games, Hayden Mullins and Luke Varney were in the top three.

They were being kept off top spot by Middlesbrough's Barry Robson.

Npower Championship Discipline

	F	Y
Barry Robson (Middlesbrough)	18	4
Hayden Mullins (Portsmouth)	17	2
+Luke Varney (Portsmouth)	16	2
Darius Henderson (Millwall)	14	3
Sean Scannell (Crystal Palace)	14	1
Ben Davies (Derby County)	14	1
Jay Rodriguez (Burnley)	13	1
Lukas Jutkiewicz (Coventry City)	13	0
Tal Ben-Haim (Portsmouth)	12	4
Robert Snodgrass (Leeds Utd)	12	1
Marvin Elliott (Bristol City)	12	0
Craig Mackail-Smith (Brighton)	11	2
Theo Robinson (Derby County)	11	2
Adam Clayton (Leeds Utd)	11	2
Rhys Williams (Middlesbrough)	11	2

F fouls Y yellow cards + red card

● POMPEY had committed 20 more fouls than any other Championship club going into this weekend's round of matches.

Steve Cotterill's men had also picked up the most cautions – 19, plus two red cards.

Saints had picked up the fewest cautions – just five.

Npower Championship Discipline

	F	Y	R	P
Portsmouth	107	19	2	0
Leeds United	87	15	4	1
Brighton	83	17	1	1
Crystal Palace	81	11	0	0
Millwall	76	14	0	0
Derby County	76	11	1	2
Nottm Forest	76	11	0	0
Leicester City	74	18	2	1
SAINTS	**73**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Barnsley	72	10	0	3
Bristol City	71	11	0	1
Ipswich Town	69	8	2	1
West Ham Utd	69	8	1	1
Hull City	68	10	0	0
Coventry City	66	7	1	0
Reading	65	7	0	0
Middlesbrough	64	11	2	1
Blackpool	63	14	0	0
Watford	61	11	0	0
Peterborough	58	8	0	0
Birmingham	57	8	0	1
Doncaster	56	10	0	0
Burnley	55	8	1	1
Cardiff City	50	9	0	1

F fouls committed Y yellow cards R red cards P penalties conceded

● SAINTS might have made a much better start to the season than Burnley, but this weekend's opponents had actually had more efforts at goal going into the game – and the Clarets had played a game less than Nigel Adkins' men.

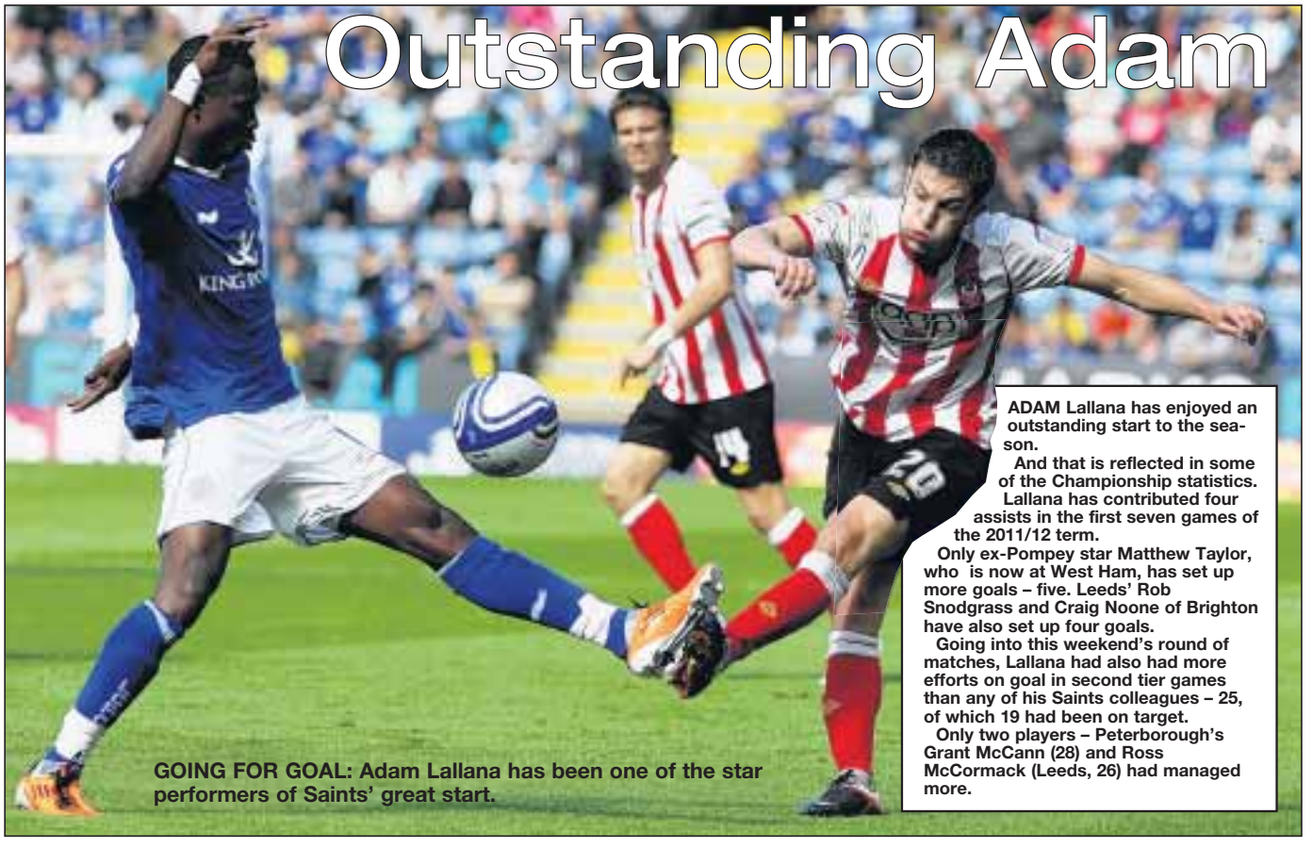
Shooting (Club)

	On	Off	HW
Peterborough	74	45	3
Cardiff City	56	49	2
Millwall	57	44	4
Burnley	45	49	2
Hull City	49	43	5
SAINTS	**53**	**37**	**2**
Middlesbrough	57	30	6
Watford	52	34	1
Blackpool	46	39	2
Leicester City	40	45	5
West Ham Utd	43	37	4
Ipswich Town	36	43	4
Leeds United	49	29	4
Portsmouth	34	44	3
Birmingham	33	44	5
Crystal Palace	37	38	3
Reading	36	37	3
Bristol City	35	37	3
Derby County	37	30	2
Brighton	36	29	3
Coventry City	35	30	0
Doncaster	30	35	0
Nottm Forest	32	31	2
Barnsley	28	31	2

On – on target Off – Off target HW – Hit Woodwork

Stats do not include any of this weekend's matches.

Outstanding Adam



GOING FOR GOAL: Adam Lallana has been one of the star performers of Saints' great start.

ADAM Lallana has enjoyed an outstanding start to the season.

And that is reflected in some of the Championship statistics.

Lallana has contributed four assists in the first seven games of the 2011/12 term.

Only ex-Pompey star Matthew Taylor, who is now at West Ham, has set up more goals – five. Leeds' Rob Snodgrass and Craig Noone of Brighton have also set up four goals.

Going into this weekend's round of matches, Lallana had also had more efforts on goal in second tier games than any of his Saints colleagues – 25, of which 19 had been on target.

Only two players – Peterborough's Grant McCann (28) and Ross McCormack (Leeds, 26) had managed more.

Crowded houses

SAINTS are still boasting one of the best supports of any Football League club.

Going into this weekend's round of fixtures, only West Ham and Derby have netted higher average gates than Saints, ***writes ADAM LEITCH.***

The average Championship attendances are generally a lot closer than those in League One, where Saints were head and shoulders above most other clubs last season.

Only 4,000 separates first from ninth.

Saints' average for this season of 24,033 is nearly 2,000 up on last season where they were getting 22,160.

This season's average would put them 16th in the Premier League, ahead of Bolton, Blackburn, Swansea, Wigan and QPR.

Saints are currently heading for their highest average attendances since dropping out of the Premier League six years ago.

GATES UP: Saints' crowds have increased by around 2,000 this season.

SAINTS' AVERAGES	
2005/06	23,613
2006/07	23,556
2007/08	21,253
2008/10	17,849
2009/10	20,982
2010/11	22,160

Portsmouth, on the other hand, have seen their average attendances fall slightly.

This season they have seen gates of 14,762 whereas last time out they were doing slightly better at 15,707.

Down in League One, the Cherries have also seen a slip.

An average of 7,103 were turning out to watch them flying high last season.

But as they have struggled this time round, their gates have also dipped to an average of 5,693.

Championship attendances

	Av
West Ham Utd	26,966
Derby County	24,833
SAINTS	**24,033**
Nottm Forest	24,028
Leeds United	23,646
Leicester City	23,032
Cardiff City	22,505
Brighton	19,789
Birmingham	18,563
Hull City	18,077
Ipswich Town	18,019
Middlesbrough	17,731
Reading	16,665
Coventry City	16,121
Portsmouth	14,762
Burnley	14,421
Crystal Palace	13,867
Bristol City	13,641
Blackpool	12,993
Watford	12,982
Millwall	12,090
Barnsley	10,424
Doncaster	9,528
Peterborough	9,029

League 1 attendances

	Av
Sheffield Wed	17,999
Sheffield Utd	17,064
Charlton	14,980
Huddersfield	12,220
Preston	11,084
MK Dons	7,667
Chesterfield	6,182
Notts County	5,752
Oldham	5,728
Bournemouth	**5,639**
Brentford	5,572
Hartlepool	5,292
Carlisle	5,208
Tranmere	5,110
Scunthorpe	4,641
Exeter City	4,271
Wycombe	4,251
Bury	4,210
Colchester	4,069
Walsall	3,968
Yeovil Town	3,818
Leyton Orient	3,528
Stevenage	3,490
Rochdale	3,124

CONTACT ECHO SPORTS EDITOR SIMON CARTER ON 02380 424515

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

Jos gives a telling insight

JUST LIKE COPENHAGEN: Jos Hooiveld scores against Preston in midweek.

THERE are times in football when, despite your most natural, cynical nature, the game surprises you.

I'd previously, at the beginning of the season, written about how I'd been talking to a friend of mine and how we'd had very different views of how our season would pan out.

Dave was convinced we'd struggle and be lower mid-table at best; I thought we'd be challenging for the playoffs…

None of us thought we'd be top of the league and have won 15 home games on the trot in all competitions.

The start Saints have made is nothing sort of sensational.

So what is that Nigel Adkins has done here at St Mary's?

Is it something in the water or has our Nigel some other trick up his sleeve that no other manager in the Championship has?

The answer lies with a revealing interview with Jos Hooiveld.

"We've got an amazing squad after making ten changes, and you can see from the way that we play football, sometimes it's brilliant," he said.

"It reminds me of playing in European football over the ground and between the lines.

"It's down to the coach and how he wants to play. We train a lot on that and you can see that it's coming out.

"We have got a similar way of playing as Copenhagen last year, and they went into the final 16 of the Champions League.

"I don't think there's a big gap between us and Copenhagen.

"It's amazing the bunch of guys that we have and the players all get along.

"After the game we go for a meal together, we have a laugh, there's so much banter before and after training so something is growing here. You can feel that and it's great to be a part of it all.

"It's great to come into a happy place as it just gives you that little bit of extra confidence you need.

"I've been welcomed really well.

"All of the players came to me and talked to me, asked questions that kind of stuff, and were interested in the new guy which makes you feel at home and I need that to be in the middle of the group.

"I enjoy it very much."

In that one statement Hooiveld told us just why we've started so well andwhy we didn't sign just anyone during the August transfer window.

The one thing you can't buy during that window is team spirit, and it would appear blatantly obvious that that is something this team has in spades.

SUPPORTING SAINTS FOR OVER 120 YEARS Daily Echo dailyecho.co.uk

Lallana: The Le Tiss of a new generation

THERE is one other outstanding contribution to Saints' start this season.

And I don't think I'd be offending any of the other players at the club when I mention him.

When people ask me what excites me the most at St Mary's, I don't say promotion, I don't say 15 consecutive wins at home.

I say Adam Lallana.

I'm 46 years old and I'm lucky enough to have seen the likes of Kevin Keegan, Mick Channon, Peter Shilton, Alan Shearer and of, course Matthew LeTissier.

But for the life of me, I really believed that a whole generation of Saints fans would miss out on that generation-defining footballer that becomes the stuff of legend.

In the 23-year midfielder we have an exceptional talent.

For those of us who watch Saints on a regular basis, the £15 million Arsenal paid for Alex Oxlade Chamberlain was outrageous in so much as Chamberlain wasn't our best player… not by a long shot.

In Lallana you have someone who quite simply lights up every game he plays in. Against Birmingham, Lallana was quite simply breath taking.

Ask Steven Carr who, at 35, has nearly 400 Premier League games under his belt and 44 Irish caps.

Carr was made to look like a helpless novice as Lallana quite simply ripped him apart.

You don't believe me?

Watch the interplay between Lallana and Connolly that lead to Carr's yellow card.

The skill is quite simply breathtaking and left Carr looking so foolish, so lead footed that he had no choice but to crudely hack Lallana down.

Quite simply, Adam Lallana is the Matthew Le Tissier of his generation. The effect he will have on this club will be the seen in the stories the 23-year-olds of today tell the 23-year-olds of tomorrow.

That they saw the Matthew Le Tissier of their generation.

They say lightening never strikes twice... try telling that to the Southampton weatherman.

Viva Lallana ...

ADAM LALLANA

BURNLEY v SAINTS - THE BEST COVERAGE WILL BE IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

Down Memory Lane

September 24, 1976
Goals from David Peach and Ted MacDougall are not enough as Saints are crushed 6-2 at Charlton Athletic in a Second Division encounter. Saints respond, though, with two wins and 10 goals in their next two games.

September 24, 2003
Kevin Phillips lights up St Mary's with a fine effort as Steaua Bucharest are held to a 1-1 draw by Gordon Strachan's men in the UEFA Cup first-round tie.

September 25, 1974
Mick Channon scores a hat-trick as Saints win 4-0 at Oxford United.

September 25, 1999
Massimo Taibi famously lets in a harmless Matt Le Tissier shot as Saints come back twice to draw 3-3 at Manchester United.

September 26, 1981
A brace from Kevin Keegan is not enough as Saints lose 4-2 at Coventry City.

September 26, 1987
Rod Wallace makes his debut as a substitute in Saints' 2-1 defeat at Newcastle United.

HAT-TRICK: Channon during his three-goal show at Oxford United in 1974

September 27, 1975
Another Mick Channon hat-trick helps Saints defeat arch rivals Portsmouth 4-0 in front of 17,310 at The Dell.

September 28, 1996
Matt Le Tissier scores twice as Middlesbrough are thumped 4-0 at The Dell. Matt Oakley and Gordon Watson also score.

September 28, 1991
Stuart Gray makes his Saints debut but is powerless to prevent the side crashing 4-0 at home to Arsenal. Ian Wright plunders a hat-trick for the Gunners.

September 29, 1973
Mick Channon, Paul Gilchrist and Bobby Stokes all score as Saints beat Sheffield United 3-0 at the Dell.

September 29, 1979
Phil Boyer scores a hat-trick as Saints record a 4-0 home victory over Derby County.

September 30, 1978
Ted MacDougall nets a consolation for the Saints against Ipswich Town, while David Peach misses a penalty in a 2-1 defeat at the Dell.

October 1, 1977
Saints go 3-0 down within 25 minutes at Sheffield United, but are unable to make a successful comeback despite goals from Ted MacDougall and Peter Osgood.

Saints Spotlight

Alex doffs his cap to the Saints Academy

ALEX Oxlade-Chamberlain has paid tribute to Saints for developing him, ***writes JONATHAN LOW.***

The 18-year-old, who scored his first goal for new club Arsenal in the Carling Cup during the week, started out at Saints when he was just seven years old.

He broke into the first-team under then boss Alan Pardew in March 2010, and went on to make 44 appearances before his big-money move in August of this year.

However, the winger has been quick to explain his affection for the Saints: "I owe them massively – they put so much hard work into me and the fans welcomed me into the first team so warmly.

"I couldn't have asked for more, so I've got a lot of time for them."

Oxlade-Chamberlain played a crucial role in the Saints' promotion effort out of League One last season and the team has continued in a rich vain of form in the current Championship campaign.

Nine wins in all competitions has resulted in talk of back-to-back promotions in some quarters, and Oxlade-Chamberlain is relishing the prospect of meeting his old team-mates one day for a Premier League match.

GREAT MOMENT: Alex Chamberlain fires home his first Arsenal goal against Shrewsbury in midweek.

"One major factor down there is that it's such a great group of lads - one of the hardest things about leaving was the boys," he said.

"Whoever comes in is welcomed straightaway, much like here at Arsenal."

The England under-21 player believes that one thing has been key to helping the Saints continue their magnificent form from last season.

"They've had that continuity – everyone down there has been going for the same thing.

"They haven't had many players leaving or coming in, and I think the lift promotion gave them was massive.

"Things are looking good down at Southampton."

Should things continue as they are, it might not be too long before Oxlade-Chamberlain has the opportunity to show what he can do on the St Mary's turf once again.

Saints avoid the big guns in Carling Cup

SAINTS have been handed an away draw with Crystal Palace in the Carling Cup fourth round.

Nigel Adkins' side, who set up a fourth round tie after defeating Preston 2-1 this week with Adam Lallana heading the winner (pictured), will travel to Selhurst Park on the week commencing the October 24.

The fourth round draw, which was carried out by Saints legend Matt Le Tissier and Paul Merson on *Sky Sports*, also handed Aldershot a plum home tie with Manchester United.

Draw in full: Wolves v Manchester City, Cardiff v Burnley, Blackburn v Newcastle, Arsenal v Bolton, Stoke v Liverpool, Aldershot v Manchester United, Crystal palace v Saints, Everton v Chelsea.

Saints' super start puts them in the hunt

GOOD news for Saints – history shows they have a superb chance of gaining promotion to the Premiership following their stunning start to the 2011/12 campaign.

Only two clubs had picked up 18 points from their first seven games of a second tier campaign in the last 20 years – as Saints have done – and not gone up.

They were Burnley in 2001/02 and Charlton Athletic in 1992/93.

Only seven clubs in the past two decades have started a Championship season with more points from their first seven games than Saints have managed.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at how the top of the second tier looked after seven games, with the teams who ended up winning promotion in bold print.

2010-2011

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	**7**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**19**	**2**	**19**
Ipswich Town	7	4	2	1	10	6	14
Cardiff City	7	4	1	2	12	6	13
Norwich City	**7**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**10**	**8**	**13**

2009-2010

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WBA	**7**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**15**	**7**	**17**
Middlesbrough	7	5	1	1	14	4	16
Newcastle United	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**10**	**3**	**16**
Cardiff City	7	4	1	2	12	5	13

2008-2009

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	**7**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**21**	**7**	**19**
Birmingham City	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**4**	**16**
Preston North End	7	4	2	1	10	7	14
QPR	7	4	1	2	10	7	13

2007-2008

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	7	5	1	1	12	9	16
Charlton Athletic	7	4	2	1	12	7	14
WBA	**7**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**13**	**6**	**13**
Bristol City	7	3	4	0	12	7	13

2006-2007

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham City	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**16**
Cardiff City	7	4	2	1	11	7	14
Wolves	7	4	1	2	6	5	13
Preston North End	7	3	3	1	8	6	12

2005-2006

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield United	**7**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**16**	**7**	**18**
Reading	**7**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**14**	**4**	**14**
Watford	**7**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**15**	**8**	**14**
Luton Town	7	4	2	1	11	7	14

2004-2005

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	7	5	1	1	14	7	16
Wigan Athletic	**7**	**4**	**3**	**0**	**15**	**7**	**15**
Stoke City	7	4	2	1	7	5	14
Plymouth Argyle	7	4	1	2	11	9	13

2003-2004

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan Athletic	7	5	1	1	12	5	16
West Ham Utd	7	5	1	1	9	3	16
Nottingham Forest	7	5	0	2	14	7	15
WBA	**7**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**12**	**7**	**15**

2002-2003

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	**7**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**17**	**6**	**19**
Leicester City	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**11**	**9**	**16**
Norwich City	7	4	2	1	15	5	14
Rotherham Utd	7	3	3	1	13	7	12

2001-2002

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	7	6	0	1	20	10	18
Portsmouth	7	4	2	1	16	11	14
Grimsby Town	7	4	2	1	8	6	14
Bradford City	6	4	1	1	16	7	13

2000-2001

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**21**	**4**	**21**
Watford	7	6	1	0	17	6	19
Bolton Wanderers	**7**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**3**	**19**
Birmingham City	7	4	2	1	12	7	14

1999-2000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**11**	**2**	**16**
Birmingham City	8	4	3	1	17	11	15
Ipswich Town	**7**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**7**	**7**	**14**
Huddersfield Tn	7	4	1	2	13	7	13

1998-1999

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield Town	8	5	1	2	13	9	16
Birmingham City	7	5	1	1	11	3	16
Sunderland	**6**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**14**	**3**	**14**

1997-1998

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	7	4	2	1	11	9	14
Swindon Town	7	4	2	1	9	5	14
WBA	7	4	2	1	8	6	14
Birmingham City	6	4	1	1	11	3	13

1996-1997

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton Wanderers	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**17**	**9**	**16**
Barnsley	**6**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**14**	**6**	**15**
Wolves	7	4	2	1	11	6	14
Norwich City	7	4	2	1	8	4	14

1995-1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**13**	**7**	**16**
Millwall	7	5	1	1	7	3	16
Norwich City	7	4	1	2	11	8	13
Huddersfield Tn	7	4	0	3	12	11	12

1994-1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	7	4	2	1	13	4	14
Middlesbrough	**6**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**9**	**3**	**14**
Reading	6	3	2	1	9	2	11
Swindon Town	6	3	2	1	7	4	11

1993-1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**6**	**16**
Charlton Athletic	8	4	3	1	11	8	15
Tranmere Rovers	8	4	2	2	11	9	14
Middlesbrough	7	4	1	2	14	8	13

1992-1993

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle Utd	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**19**	**5**	**21**
Charlton Athletic	8	5	3	0	11	2	18
Wolves	8	4	4	0	14	7	16
Birmingham City	7	4	2	1	9	6	14

1991-1992

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	**8**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**14**	**6**	**18**
Cambridge Utd	6	4	1	1	12	8	13
Leicester City	6	4	1	1	8	5	13
Ipswich Town	**7**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**11**	**11**	**13**

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR MORE SAINTS NEWS AND VIEWS

Paine's World

The Saints legend's EXCLUSIVE column on all things football

Is Arsene out of step?

PRESSURE: Arsene Wenger.

Arsenal boss's methods are not compatible to modern game

WHEN a football club chief executive makes a statement in support of his manger you just wonder how long he can survive.

Ivan Gazidas is adamant that beleagured Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is not for sacking. Perhaps we should ask why not?

After all, the Gunners have lost three of their five league games and are just one point above the relegation zone.

Arsenal's frailties were once more exposed in their 4-3 loss at Blackburn last Saturday.

It was a game they completely dominated in the first half yet when the heat was turned up they couldn't cope. This despite the fact they included their new defenders, Per Mertesacker from Werder Bremen and Andre Santos, the left back from Fenerbache.

The lack of steel shown throughout the side is cause for concern and fingers are being pointed at Arsene Wenger's coaching staff.

After conceding 14 goals in five games during their worst start to a season since 1953, the call for a defensive coach can be heard loud and clear at the Emirates.

Wenger insists long-time lieutenants Pat Rice and Boro Primorac will continue to work with the newly-assembled backline.

Is it just stubbornness not to bring in temporary help? After all, Martin Keown occupied a part-time role as specialist defence coach in 2005.

Perhaps Wenger has forgotten that Keown helped Arsenal make history with a remarkable ten-game run to the Champions League final without conceding a goal.

Dare I suggest, the Frenchman's methods are not compatible to the modern game.

Arsenal play pretty football but leave themselves exposed to less talented teams they meet on a weekly basis.

As rumours swarm, a name from the past has emerged. While he is not quite a white knight, he commands huge respect.

Dennis Bergkamp, who spent 11 outstanding years at Arsenal, is now Frank de Boer's assistant at Ajax.

Now 42, he has previously stated his desire to work in England. Could he not be groomed as Wenger's successor, allowing his former manager to move upstairs into a director of football role when the time is right?

That would suit Wenger, who has a skill for finding young talent. Talking of young talent, I was delighted to see Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, pictured, make his Arsenal debut and in the process score his first goal for the club in the Carling Cup win against Shrewsbury.

You get the feeling he will be knocking on the door for a regular place before too long.

But the next few weeks are vital for Wenger. Every performance will be scrutinised, with Arsenal's next five games against Bolton (h), Tottenham (a), Sunderland (h), Stoke (h) and Chelsea (a). By the time the end of October is upon us Wenger will be hoping Arsenal's early failures are rectified.

Asked for reasons for Arsenal's lack of form, Wenger put it down to a lack of concentration, communication, co-ordination and individual urgency. May I also suggest that he does away with zonal marking from dead-ball situations, a defensive strategy they carried out appallingly against Blackburn.

Old stagers send us a very timely reminder

They are not exactly golden oldies but Michael Owen and Owen Hargreaves have shown they still have a lot to offer in the Carling Cup.

Owen's class stood out in Manchester United's 3-1 win at Leeds, where his two goals suggest that, given the chance, he can still produce goals.

In the limited appearances he has made he has still scored 11 goals in 12 games. Shouldn't a player of his quality be playing on a regular basis? Surely there are Premiership teams who could use a player of his quality or is it that his wages are so excessive he prefers the bench at Old Trafford - a suggestion he vehemently denies.

Having spent four seasons at Old Trafford, Hargreaves, pictured, must have wondered when or if he would ever play again.

So the fact the 30 year-old managed a full hour in Manchester City's 2-0 win over Birmingham, while scoring, must be very rewarding for a player who has toiled away for many months to get back to full fitness.

At the risk of ending the run... Congrats

WITH the season six weeks old, I cannot keep waiting to congratulate the Saints on their remarkable start.

I'm not overly superstitious but I don't want to jeopardise their run by singing their praises so early.

Their performance against Birmingham, last year's Carling Cup winners, set up an incredible 13th consecutive home win and a best start to a season in 103 years.

Added to that is the impressive year Nigel Adkins, pictured, has had. His return of 38 wins out of 54 matches is outstanding.

The manager and players will be proud of these achievements and the feeling I had when I last visited in July augurs well for the rest of the season.

Saints Spotlight

Legends lining up

SAINTS legends will be turning out in force tomorrow in a bid to raise vital funds to assist Help for Heroes.

An All-Star Ex-Saints XI will face a Joint Services team at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium in a special benefit match.

Some of the greatest names ever to grace the club will be pulling on the red and white once again for the day.

Matt Le Tissier will captain the Saints squad, which also includes former pros such as Jimmy Case, Nick Holmes and Francis Benali.

It is hoped that striker James Beattie will play some part in the match as well.

Dell wing ace John Sydenham will be a guest, as will 1976 FA Cup winning captain Peter Rodrigues, while Arsenal legend and former Pompey midfielder Paul Merson will make a special cameo.

The match is being organised by the Ex-Saints Association, who hope to raise in excess of £10,000 from the event.

As well as the game, there will be a range of other entertainment on offer, as well as a prize draw.

The match kicks off at 2.30pm. Tickets can be bought on the gate.

Prices are £12 for adults, £4 for under-16s, and free for children up to the age of six.

A combined adult and child ticket can be bought for £14.

Ex-Saints (from): Matt Le Tissier, Paul Jones, Dave Beasant, Francis Benali, Steve Wood, David Hughes, Paul Tisdale, David Howells, Glenn Cockerill, Jimmy Case, Graham Baker, Steve Baker, Andy Cook, Ian Baird, Nicky Banger, Rod Wallace, Nick Holmes, Russell Osman, Gordon Watson, James Beattie.

Le Tiss Q & A

MATT Le Tissier, Mark Dennis and Paul Walsh will be taking part in a special Q&A evening at Winchester City next week.

The trio will be fielding questions from fans and recounting memorable anecdotes in an event sponsored by the *Daily Echo's* sister paper, the *Hampshire Chronicle.*

Comedian Mike Osman will compere the evening, which will include an auction and Indian food from Southampton's P.O.S.H restaurant.

The event takes place on Thursday, September 29, from 7pm. Tickets cost £45.

For tickets, or more details, contact 07867 808767 or 07884 225611. Alternatively, email bernie.21@hotmail.com or sawoodgate@gmail.com.

John Sydenham

JOHN Sydenham can still recall his Saints debut like it happened yesterday.

The passing of time might dictate that the event actually took place more than 54 years ago, but that has not dulled the memory.

The date was May 4, 1957 – and it was the day a 17-year-old Sydenham realised his dream.

A Southampton-born boyhood Saints fan, he had stood on the Dell terraces cheering on his heroes as a youngster.

Now, he was among them.

"I remember everything like it's yesterday," he said.

"The red and white, the smell of the shirts and the socks, the dressing room and everything – I've still got that.

"To be playing for Southampton was just a dream come true, I couldn't believe it."

Sydenham made an impressive bow in a 3-0 home win over Leyton Orient – the first time his famous partnership with fellow wing sensation Terry Paine was witnessed in the first-team.

It was an occasion that marked the end of an incredible path that Sydneham trod to reach that point.

It's a story that involves surviving German bombing raids, drinking wine with Jimmy Greaves, and playing in front of 20,000 screaming fans at Anfield as a 14-year-old.

Gordon Simpson
gordon.simpson@dailyecho.co.uk
SPORTS REPORTER

Sydenham was born in Thornhill in September 1939. It would not be a peaceful childhood – that same month, World War II had broken out.

"There was a lot of bombing around Southampton," he recalled. "I remember bombs and Doodlebugs.

"At the time, Thornhill Park Road was American tanks, all the way through there.

"We used to have a tank right outside the house.

"When the siren went off, we used to have our own concrete air raid shelter in the back garden, or we also used to go under the tanks.

"They used to put the kids under there. Our tank guy was Roy, I'll always remember that.

"Houses were bombed very close to us, and I was evacuated down to Dorset more towards the end of the war.

"I was only three or four when it all happened, but I've got strong memories of that time."

Even with the bombing aside, it was not always an easy childhood, as Sydenham's dad, Ken, was away fighting for the duration of the war.

"I didn't really know my father for the first six years," he explained.

I remember bombs and Doodlebugs ... we had a tank right outside our house

Once the conflict was over, though, Sydenham's dad returned and began taking him to the Dell to see Saints play.

Sydenham would cheer on his heroes on a Saturday afternoon, while spending every other moment he could honing his own footballing skills on the streets of Southampton.

"We used to live at West End Road, which backed onto Bitterne Sports Ground," recalled Sydenham.

"It used to be just over the fence from our back garden, and it was football all the time.

"We also used to have a game in the street, down Taunton Drive and Hatley Road where there was a big area where all these roads came together.

"Under the street lights that's where we used to play, and that's where we learnt to play."

Sydenham, a student at St Mary's College, showed sufficient talent to warrant selection for the Southampton Schoolboys team – a feat his dad had also achieved as a youngster.

It was an experience that led a teenage Sydenham to set his heart on a career in football.

"We got into the England Schools final," he said. "So, at 14, I played in the final against Liverpool at Anfield in front of 20,000 people.

"I've still got the programmes and everything from it.

"That's really I think what sparked me off. I thought 'I really love this'."

Sydenham was soon picked up by Saints and sent into their nursery side, CPC Sports.

ALL THIS SEASON'S SANTS STATS – SEE PAGE 12

Saints Spotlight

– my life story

I went from the common to the Dell in one big swing, which was amazing

LEGENDS: John Sydenham, second right, with Matt Le Tissier and Francis Benali at HA Ford's car showroom earlier this week. The company have sponsored new shirts for the Ex-Saints' charity game this weekend.

"That was when Painey came onto the scene as well," he said. "It was the two of us together really, as 15-year-olds then.

"We had a wonderful youth team at that time. Wes Maughan, Terry Simpson.

"Again, I was fortunate enough to be in a team that went on and had a good run in a cup."

Some Saints fans might consider that last sentence something of an understatement.

The youngsters went all the way to the semi-final of the Youth Cup in 1957, where they met the mighty Manchester United.

After a 5-2 defeat in the first leg, at the Dell, the team then achieved something no one else had ever done at that time in the five-year-old competition – they beat Matt Busby's United, 3-2, in the second leg.

It wasn't enough to win the tie, but it underlined the potential within the club's junior ranks.

"That sort of brought you to the attention of the club more," said Sydenham.

"If you got knocked out in the first round we'd probably never have been seen again, so that helped."

Recognition with the England youth side would follow for Sydenham.

"I went to play in Spain with them, in what was like the European cup," he said.

"We went to Barcelona, and my roommate was Jimmy Greaves, when I was 15.

"He taught me how to drink wine. So that was an experience!"

The lightning fast Sydenham had certainly caught the eye of Saints manager Ted Bates.

So much so that the boss decided he wanted to sign him to a professional deal.

The move was not, however, welcomed by Sydenham's dad, who instead wanted him to embark on a more stable occupation, like the accountancy job he fulfilled.

"Ted signed me as a 17-year-old on full terms, much to my father's disgust," said Sydenham.

"He did everything to try and talk me out of doing that.

"He said I should work in an office like him and have the security that gave and everything.

"Fortunately I was strong enough to say 'No, I really want to do this'."

His debut, against Newport County, would follow on the final day of the 1956/57 season.

Sydenham had made it.

"I was literally playing on the common one week for CPC and I think the following Saturday I played at the Dell for the first time," he said.

"So I'd gone from the common to the Dell in one big swing, which was amazing.

"Then, of course, I go into the dressing room and I hadn't really met the players.

"These guys were all my heroes, and I'm getting changed in there thinking 'I can't believe this'.

"I've just got really vivid memories of that time."

Sydenham would quickly strike up a devastating wing partnership with his former youth teammate Paine.

Terrorise

Together, they would terrorise Third Division defences, helping to steer the club to promotion in 1959/60.

But Sydenham's career then stalled, as he was called up for National Service in the summer of 1960.

Based at Crookham, his availability for Saints was greatly reduced.

"I went away for literally two years," he said. "I wasn't completely away, I occasionally got to play.

"And I desperately needed to, because I got £12 for playing in the first team – and that was like a fortune then.

"But the problem was in the Army that there were so many teams you had to play for.

"I was in D Company, HQ Company, the Medical Corps, another one in between, then the British Army team, which I played regularly in.

"I used to wake up on camp and think 'Who am I playing for today? What shirt am I in? Where am I going?'

"I remember one game, we were playing Liverpool at the Dell and Ted had contacted the camp wanting me to play.

"I had to play every day that week, and the thing is I couldn't stroll about and save myself, I had to do something.

"And, because you were known as a pro, everybody's trying to make a name for themselves, kicking you up in the air.

"So, anyway, I came down and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

SPORTS QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"There were dwarves there, yes, but that was just the night the bar was having. It was nothing to do with us. We didn't bring them with us or anything like that" - **Chris Ashton after the England rugby team's infamous night out in Queenstown.**

"Do we have a special plan for them? The night before grabbing hold of them and locking them up in a room somewhere" - **Irish defence coach Les Kiss on his side's plans for Australian pair Quade Cooper and Will Genia. Ireland went on to beat the Wallabies 15-6.**

DWARVES: England's Chris Ashton.

"He used to clean my boots when I was a kid. He denies it but he was an apprentice at Barnsley with me. He was a massive lad in those days. I've never seen anything like it. He was like a brick... you can't say that on the television, can you? But he was built very, very big and sturdy in those days" - **Neil Warnock on Mick McCarthy.**

"We have not fulfilled our true potential but I certainly believe that every week we are getting a step closer to it. As I said to the players in a text after the game last Saturday, 'Rome wasn't built in a day, but it was built'" - **St Mirren's ever-individual manager Danny Lennon.**

"I wish I was 50 years younger and I'd kick your ass" - **HBO commentator Larry Merchant to Floyd Mayweather after a tetchy interview with the new WBC welterweight champion.**

OPINIONS: Wolves boss Mick McCarthy.

"I didn't see how James got his injury - I was still looking for my rib on the 22" - **Shane Williams on James Hook's injury in a bruising World Cup clash between Wales and Samoa.**

"Opinions are like backsides. We've all got them but it is not always wise to air them in public" - **Wolves boss Mick McCarthy seeks an end to the spat between Joey Barton and Karl Henry.**

"It's something you just don't see from Scottish boys, but you see it week in, week out from the foreign boys" - **Queen of the South boss Gus MacPherson accuses Leon Panikvar of over-reacting to the swinging arm which earned Kevin Smith a red card in the 5-0 League Cup defeat at Kilmarnock.**

NON LEAGUE COVERAGE BEGINS ON PAGE 19

Saints Spotlight

'The drinks are

Roll up for Moore golf day

TEAMS are still available for next month's Kevin Moore Golf Day at Meon Valley.

The event, on Friday, October 7, is being held to raise funds for the former Saints defender, who now suffers from a rare form of dementia, known as Pick's Disease.

Moore requires 24-hour care and is confined to a wheelchair for much of the time.

Last year's benefit event raised well in excess of £10,000 to provide vital support for him.

Organisers have a few remaining team slots available for anyone interested in being part of this year's day.

Teams of three, which will each be assigned a celebrity captain, cost £350.

The price includes coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, as well as tickets to the evening dinner at Meon Valley, which will be hosted by Mike Osman, who has donated his services for free.

Matt Le Tissier will captain a team, as will former players including Jimmy Case, Nick Holmes, Francis Benali, Iain Dowie and Gordon Watson. Former Saints boss Dave Jones is also due to lead one of the sides.

An auction will also be held, with prizes including a day with Mick Channon, at his West Ilsley stables, and a trip to the Sky Sports studios to see the live filming of a show.

● For more information, to enter a team, or to donate a prize, call Richard Becheley on 07876 778891, Lisa Catlin on 07717 871322, or email richard@bbmltd.com.

● FORMER Saints ace Gareth Bale has signed a new contract – with Premier League trading card game Match Attax.

The 22-year-old was chosen as the game's ambassador after a poll of more than 250 children revealed he was the top flight player that most of them looked up to and aspired to be like.

FROM PAGE 9

played against Liverpool.

"We beat them 4-1 and I remember I scored that game, but then I had to go straight back to the camp afterwards.

"There was no drinks with the boys or anything, it was straight back to camp."

Sydenham, like many others, had not been looking forward to National Service.

However, he was consoled in the first few days with the knowledge that Paine would soon be joining him.

How wrong he was.

"The one thing that kept me going at the beginning was I knew Painey would be due in two or three weeks after me," he said.

"But he got out of it with a perforated eardrum.

"I was sick about that, sick, because I thought I could handle it with him."

As it was, though, Sydenham reflects on that time of his life with some fondness.

"National Service was the best thing that happened to me," he said.

"I was totally undisciplined and struggled to get in at 10 o'clock for training.

Early riser

"But, ever since then, I've always been an early riser and I'm always up at six o'clock.

"It helped me a lot and prepared me a bit, because you've got no preparation.

"We played until mid-30s and came out with absolutely nothing.

"So at least I had that discipline instilled in me."

Sydenham even insists National Service would serve some of today's young players well.

"I get so angry with some of these lads today, the way they are," he said.

"They're not happy doing what they're doing, a lack of discipline and all this – it's just appalling.

"So I think National Service wouldn't be a bad thing, but they wouldn't survive it most of them."

Although Bates had bought Harry Penk from Plymouth to help cover for Sydenham's absence, he had always insisted there would be a place for him when his National Service finished.

Bates was true to his word.

"I got back in and things went really well then," smiled Sydenham.

"In '66 we got promotion to the First Division, which was huge at the time.

"To go right the way through the divisions with the same club was very special.

"For a lot of us, the fact we were going up might have meant the end of our careers in a way, depending on whether we could cope at the higher level.

"A lot of them did fall by the wayside, but I was fortunate enough to have another four or five years before I left.

"And I've great memories of the First Division games I played at the time."

There are a number of matches that stand out for Sydenham during his Saints career.

The 5-1 FA Cup win at top flight outfit Manchester City in January 1960, when Saints were in the Third Division, is, understandably, up there.

"I actually have the ball from that game, not because I scored – Derek Reeves got four – but a supporter gave it to me some years later, all signed," said Sydenham.

"That was just an amazing result.

"In those days when you played in the cup, for some reason you always had to go away training by the seaside.

"That was what you did.

"So Ted use to love that. 'We're playing Manchester City, so we're going off to Blackpool'.

"We were at Blackpool for the week, so we played the game and then we come back on the supporters' club train.

"Directors were in first class, as they always did, we were in economy – like a flight – and all the supporters down in the bar having a great time.

"We decided to go down there, but none of us had any money, as we'd all been in Blackpool for a week.

TRAINING TIMES: John Sydenham, middle, in the 1960s at The Dell

REUNION: John Sydenham, third left, with Terry Paine, Martin Chivers, Mick Channon, Ted Bates and Ron Davies.

AINSLIE HAPPY TO CARRY THE FLAG – SEE PAGES 36/37

Saints Spotlight

on you, boys!'

THE WAY THEY WERE: John Sydenham, left, and Terry Paine with Saints boss Ted Bates back in the 1950s.

"We were skint, all skint.

"So the captain, who would have been Cliff Huxford probably, was sent up to see the directors and say we want some money to go and celebrate with our supporters.

"They said 'No, you get paid well enough, you're not having any money.'

"So we went down there among the supporters and said 'Listen, the drinks are on you, boys!'

"It's amazing, you wouldn't get that now. But that's the way it was."

Also among Sydenham's top games are the club's record win – a 9-3 victory over Wolves in September 1965, when he scored twice – and a 4-1 success over Manchester United in his final season at the club – a day he set up all four of Ron Davies' goals.

Setting up Davies was a common theme in Sydenham's career.

"Ron was just a fantastic player to play with," he said.

"As a winger, I always said you had a good margin of error with Ron, because he used to make bad crosses good ones.

"He just had an incredible ability, and there was no doubt about it he was the best centre forward in Europe at the time.

"After that United game, Manchester United put a bid in for him, £200,000 I think, which would have broken the record then.

"But Ted wouldn't let him go, and Ron was never the same after that."

For many Saints fans, though, Sydenham is most closely associated with fellow wing wizard Paine.

"Painey had a unique ability," he recalled. "He was never quick, but he just had that ability of getting to the line, looking up and picking people out.

"That was his big strength. He could assess things very, very quickly.

"I was always going 100 miles an hour, so I never had time to assess anything.

"I think he was very lucky early on to be given a lot of chances.

"Ted actually stood by him through anything and everything.

"The other big thing was he never got injured, never, ever.

"All of us would have our hamstrings, calf pulls and the usual things you get.

"Painey never got that, so he was very lucky in that respect."

All of Sydenham's 402 career games for Saints were played under the watchful and shrewd eye of Bates.

"He was my only manager," he explained. "I had a lot of respect for Ted.

"I think as a player you need a manager you want to win for, you want to see him happy, and that's what you strive to do.

"He lived and died for the game, there was no other thing in his life really."

Testimonial

Like all good things, though, Sydenham's Saints career had to come to an end.

His final appearance came in a 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace at the Dell in 1969.

"There was a lot of talk that Ted was going to sign Tom Jenkins, who I think was at Reading at the time," said Sydenham.

"We spoke about it, and Ted more or less said to me 'You can stay here as long as you like'.

"But I think he was spending £60,000 to replace me, which was big money then.

"So I decided really myself to leave.

"I had a testimonial at the Dell. I didn't leave on a good note. We did have our differences. The testimonial was hard work.

"I've actually still got the invoice from it.

"By the time I paid for the floodlights, the police, the gate men, the programmes and everything, I ended up with about £2,000.

"That was not bad in those days, but when you talk about it today it sounds ridiculous.

"Then I left and I played for Aldershot for two years.

"Unfortunately I got quite a bad injury soon after I got there

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Sports Quiz

1 Who is the captain of Ireland's cricket team?
2 Which French club does Joe Cole play for?
3 In which city was cycling's World Road Championships held?
4 How many Grand Slam finals has Andy Murray played in?
5 Who scored Leeds' winning goal when they beat Manchester United 1-0 in the FA Cup two seasons ago?
6 In which Olympic sport might you see a 'sonkal', a 'jumeok' and an 'ap chagi'?
7 What was the last trophy won by Kenny Dalglish in his first spell as Liverpool manager, which ended in February 1991?
8 In which city is Test cricket played at Eden Gardens?
9 Who recorded the biggest-ever Super League play-off win, beating Hull 71-0 in 2005?

FERNANDO TORRES

10 Against whom did Fernando Torres score his first competitive goal for Chelsea, on April 23 this year?
11 Which county did Surrey captain Rory Hamilton-Brown previously play for?
12 England international Shontayne Hape plays for which club side?
13 Mikel Arteta has played for which French team?
14 Who finished runners-up in last season's Super Bowl?
15 In which Australian state is Dairy Farmers Stadium?
16 Who scored both Manchester United's goals in last season's 2-1 win at Stoke?
17 What event will be held at Greater Noida next month?
18 How many Olympic titles has cyclist Bradley Wiggins won?
19 Which England player was denied a try by the video referee in the 2007 Rugby World Cup final?
20 What nationality is tennis player Stanislas Wawrinka?
21 Who is South Africa's record try scorer in international rugby union?
22 Jos Buttler plays cricket for which county?
23 Scrum-half Paul Deacon plays for which engage Super League club?
24 Which American city has a Major League Baseball franchise named the Orioles?
25 Wycombe Wanderers play at which ground?

ANSWERS

1 William Porterfield; 2 Lille; 3 Copenhagen; 4 Three; 5 Jermaine Beckford; 6 Taekwondo; 7 The First Division title in 1990; 8 Kolkata; 9 Bradford; 10 West Ham; 11 Sussex; 12 London Irish; 13 Paris St German; 14 Pittsburgh Steelers; 15 Queensland; 16 Javier Hernandez; 17 The Indian Grand Prix; 18 Three; 19 Mark Cueto; 20 Swiss; 21 Bryan Habana with 39; 22 Somerset; 23 Wigan Warriors; 24 Baltimore; 25 Adams Park.

SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE ROUND-UP – SEE PAGE 30

Saints Spotlight

SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2011/12

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
AUGUST															
Sat 6 Leeds . . . . . H	**W 3-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Martin	Harding	Do Prado**	**Hammond*** 1**	Cork	**Lallana 1**	Lambert	**Connolly* 1**	De Ridder*	Chaplow**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 9 Torquay (CC1). . . . . H	**W 4-1**	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Seaborne	Martin	Dickson	**De Ridder** 1**	**Chaplow 1**	Schneiderlin	Holmes*	**Lambert 1**	Do Prado***	Lallana*	Hammond**	**Forte*** 1**
Sat 13 Barnsley . . . . . A	**W 1-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	Lallana***	Lambert	**Connolly** 1**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	Schneiderlin***
Tues 16 Ipswich . . . . . A	**W 5-2**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	Do Prado*	Hammond	Cork	**Lallana*** 2**	**Lambert 2**	**Connolly** 1**	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 20 Millwall . . . . . H	**W 1-0**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Seaborne	Harding	**Do Prado 1**	Hammond*	Cork	Lallana**	Lambert	Connolly***	Schneiderlin*	Fox**	De Ridder***
Sat 27 Leicester . . . . . A	**L 2-3**	Davis	Richardson*	Fonte	Seaborne	**Harding*** 1**	Do Prado**	Hammond	Cork	Lallana	Lambert	**Connolly 1**	Schneiderlin*	De Ridder**	Fox***
Tues 30 Swindon (CC2). . . . . A	**W 3-1**	Bialkowski	Richardson	Seaborne	Martin	Harding	Holmes**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana	**Forte* 1**	**Do Prado*** 1**	**Lambert* 1**	Hammond**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 10 Nottm Forest . . . . . H	**W 3-2**	Davis	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Do Prado*	Hammond	Hammond	Lallana	**Lambert 3**	Connolly**	Chaplow*	De Ridder**	
Sun 18 Birmingham . . . . . H	**W 4-1**	Davis	Richardson	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	**Do Prado* 1**	Hammond	Cork**	**Lallana*** 1**	**Lambert 1**	Connolly	**Chaplow* 1**	Schneiderlin**	De Ridder***
Wed 21 Preston (CC3) . . . . . H	**W 2-1**	Bialkowski	Butterfield	Martin	**Hooiveld** 1**	Dickson	De Ridder*	Schneiderlin	Chaplow	Holmes	Reeves	Forte***	**Lallana* 1**	Fonte**	Lambert***
Sat 24 Burnley . . . . . A															
Wed 28 Cardiff . . . . . A															
OCTOBER															
Sat 1 Watford . . . . . H															
Sat 15 Derby . . . . . A															
Tues 18 West Ham. . . . . H															
Sat 22 Reading . . . . . A															
Sat 29 Middlesbrough . . . . . H															
NOVEMBER															
Tues 1 Peterborough . . . . . H															
Sat 5 Coventry . . . . . A															
Sat 19 Brighton . . . . . H															
Sat 26 Bristol City. . . . . A															
Tues 29 Hull . . . . . H															
DECEMBER															
Sat 3 Doncaster . . . . . A															
Sat 10 Blackpool . . . . . H															
Sun 18 Portsmouth . . . . . A															
Mon 26 Crystal Palace . . . . . H															
Fri 30 Bristol City . . . . . H															
JANUARY															
Mon 2 Brighton . . . . . A															
Sat 14 Notts Forest . . . . . A															
Sat 21 Leicester . . . . . H															
Tues 31 Cardiff . . . . . H															
FEBRUARY															
Sat 4 Birmingham . . . . . A															
Sat 11 Burnley . . . . . H															
Tues 17 West Ham . . . . . A															
Sat 18 Derby . . . . . H															
Sat 25 Watford . . . . . A															
MARCH															
Sat 3 Leeds . . . . . A															
Tues 6 Ipswich . . . . . H															
Sat 10 Barnsley . . . . . H															
Sat 17 Millwall . . . . . A															
Tues 20 Hull . . . . . A															
Sat 24 Doncaster . . . . . H															
Sat 31 Blackpool . . . . . A															
APRIL															
Sat 7 Portsmouth . . . . . H															
Mon 9 Crystal Palace . . . . . A															
Sat 14 Reading . . . . . H															
Tues 17 Peterborough . . . . . A															
Sat 21 Middlesbrough . . . . . A															
Sat 28 Coventry . . . . . H															

JOHN'S ACADEMY LINK

FROM PAGE 11

(Sydenham ripped the muscle off his pelvic bone).

"I had to have a major operation, and I did recover from it.

"I played 50-odd games, then went to Bath City for two years.

"When I was there I had an offer to go to Australia and play there.

"A guy literally knocked my front door and said 'We'd like you to come play for this Greek club (Athena) in Perth'."

Sydenham decided that the opportunity was too good to turn down – even if it did mean risking the wrath of his wife.

"I agreed to do it," he said. "Jean my wife wasn't there, she was out.

"We had ten days to leave, because they wanted me there for the start of the season.

"So we rented our house in North Baddesley, and I said to Jean 'We're going to Australia'.

"My daughter was about eight then, and I said 'We're going to go to Australia, and we're leaving in ten days' time' because if I'd ever discussed it we would never have done it.

"We went and fell in love with Perth.

"I played for a year, then we came back. We decided we weren't going to rush back.

"Every year the club used to ring me and ask if I would come back.

"By this time I'm 40-odd, so in the end I went back as their player-coach – that was in 1980, and we settled and we stayed.

"I took Bally [Alan Ball] out, Ted MacDougall and Jimmy Case.

"To boost the game there it was wonderful to have some really good players.

FLASHBACK: John Sydenham with Terry Paine at The Dell in 2001.

"Bally came in 1982, and he cost us £1,000.

"He came for a month, and he was the current captain of Southampton at the time.

"Lawrie (McMenemy) let him come, there were all sorts of insurance issues and everything.

"Bally desperately wanted to come.

"He said to me 'Don't give me the money now, give it to me the day I leave, because if you give it to me now there will be nothing left.'

"The Greeks used to mess around, and we're at the airport, he's due to leave, and I still haven't got the money from the chairman.

"Anyway, I managed to get the £1,000, gave it to him, shook hands and off he went.

"I actually came back for a while a few days after him, and I said 'How did you go?'

"He said 'We had the best time of our lives. Lesley picked me up at Heathrow, and we drove straight to Ascot.'

"Then he said 'We booked in this hotel, I had my £1,000, and by the Wednesday it was £10,000. We were sat on the bed, throwing all these notes and we're drinking champagne. Then, by the Saturday we had nothing.'

"He said 'We were driving back home, and I turned to Lesley and said 'Wasn't that the best week of your life?'' and they both agreed it was."

After finishing with football, Sydenham set up an insurance business in Australia, which he still has to this day.

He also started doing some work Down Under for Saints.

"I did a bit of scouting for them when John Sainty was there with the academy," said Sydenham, who is settled in Perth.

"Then they got involved with setting up an academy there, which I tried to talk them out of.

"West Ham had the academy, which was a pre-existing one, and they were desperately trying to get out of it.

"They were finding out there were lots of things going wrong with it.

"There was a guy over there who was an agent that actually set up the academy.

"I think his idea was to send 100 players over and if one of them makes it he makes big money and who cares what happens to the rest.

"I knew everything about it, and I said 'Listen, you don't need an academy here.'

"Anyway, Rupert Lowe decided he wanted to do it. It cost him a fortune.

"They signed a contract for three years, and after two Huw Jennings rang me and said 'I'm coming over, we need to discuss this.'

"Huw told me 'This has cost us £1m so far.'

"So they got out of that and then asked me to go back as an official academy scout in Australia, which I did."

But, after tiring of all the travelling, and with the dynamic changing at the club, Sydenham decided to call it a day five or six years ago.

"Life is very peaceful and very quiet," said 72-year-old Sydenham, who will celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary this year.

"I play a bit of golf and look after the business.

"I am retired really. I'm free to do what I want to do, which is good."

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	7	0	0	0	231	0
BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI	0	0	3	0	34(1)	0
TOMMY FORECAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	37(3)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	6	0	1	0	24(7)	0
DAN HARDING	5	1	1	0	93(3)	4
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	2	0	19(10)	1
BEN REEVES	0	0	1	0	1	0
JOSE FONTE	7	0	0(1)	0	75(1)	7
RADHI JAIDI	0	0	0	0	63(1)	4
AARON MARTIN	1	0	3	0	12(4)	0
DAN SEABORNE	4	0	2	0	35(15)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
STEVE DE RIDDER	0(7)	0	2	1	2(7)	1
RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(4)	1	2	1	42(10)	8
DEAN HAMMOND	7	1	0(2)	0	96(3)	11
JACK CORK	7	0	1	0	32(1)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	1(6)	0	3	0	95(21)	1
ADAM LALLANA	7	4	1(2)	1	133(20)	37
LEE HOLMES	0	0	3	0	18(14)	2
RICKIE LAMBERT	7	6	1(2)	2	108(5)	62
LEE BARNARD	0	0	0	0	44(19)	24
GULY DO PRADO	7	2	2	1	35(12)	14
DAVID CONNOLLY	7	4	0	0	25(20)	15
JONATHAN FORTE	0	0	2(1)	2	4(9)	4

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RYAN DOBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DANNY FOX	2(3)	0	0	0	2(3)	0
JOS HOOIVLED	2	0	1	1	3	1
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points with **Adam Leitch**

TYSON FURY

Great name, but over-hyped?

THERE is a very real danger that Tyson Fury is getting a little overhyped.

The big heavyweight hope has the name, the personality and the size to be a contender but after 16 fights he is still very raw.

Anybody who saw his fight with Nicolai Firtha – and there weren't too many thanks to Channel 5's blackout – will have seen someone still learning his trade.

The fact a terrestrial TV channel has got behind him is without a doubt a factor in Fury being quickly pushed forward.

After the bout his promoter Mick Hennessy talked of him being world class and even mentioned fights against the likes of David Haye or even the Klitschkos in the not too distant future.

The heavyweight division may be lacking in quality right now, that is safe to say, and maybe that is another reason for attempting to strike while the iron is hot.

But to mention Fury in the same breath as the Klitschkos at this moment in time is crazy – they would destroy him if he stepped in with them right now.

That is not to say Fury cannot get there, trained properly he hopefully will, but you shouldn't rush a fighter just because other circumstances seem to make it right.

You could argue that the way David Price is going Fury is not the number one in the UK, let alone on the world stage yet.

Fury might just get there, but a sensible path to the top is the way to go.

IS TIME UP ON THE CARLING CUP?

WINNER: Adam Lallana heads Saints through to the last 16 of the Carling Cup.

THE Carling Cup is starting to look a little like a trusty old dog with bladder problems that no one wants to take to the vet for fear of it being put down.

It has, quite simply, become the most richly rewarded reserve team competition in world football.

For the eventual winners there is a very tidy sum of money to be made, as well as entry into the Europa League – not to mention a nice piece of silverware for the trophy cabinet.

That all sounds very nice indeed.

So why do so many sides treat it with a lack of respect?

The answer is simple – money.

It used to be the case that Premier League clubs competing in Europe would field weakened sides to protect their players who already had an exhausting schedule with plenty of overseas travel and international matches to handle too.

The thought at that point in time was leaving them out altogether might revive the competition.

Then most of the rest of the Premier League followed suit, either because they were chasing a European spot or because they didn't want to risk players that might be key in their battle to avoid relegation from the top flight.

The money on offer from the Champions League and the Premier League, as compared to the Carling Cup, made it economical common sense.

Now we have Football League clubs doing the same, surely it's time to ask whether the Carling Cup needs putting out of its misery.

Total rethink

At the very least it needs a total rethink.

League football is the cornerstone for every team, every player and every manager.

It's where reputations, and money, is made and lost.

Take this week's tie at St Mary's.

You effectively had Saints' second string – and you might forgive that as they are top of the Championship and chasing the Premier League riches – against Preston's second string.

Preston North End. Of League One.

Seriously, League One clubs are fielding reserve sides now.

And by the way, if you are an adult then it will cost you £14 to watch.

Is it any wonder the attendances at many ties this week have been totally lousy for what was the last 32 of the competition?

The clubs, and their managers, can justify their selections.

The league is the most important thing and it is a chance to field players who are on the fringes of things in a competitive game to have them ready if they are required to step into the first team.

Agreed, it does make sense and not for one second would you blame Nigel Adkins, Phil Brown, Alex Ferguson, Arsene Wenger or any other manager.

In the same position, Adam Rant would do exactly the same.

Instead it is time to decide whether the competition is sustainable.

In its current format I think not.

Nobody would be keen to just scrap a piece of English football heritage.

But times have changed, as is proven by attitudes towards the Carling Cup.

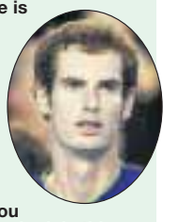
If the dog doesn't need to put down, then it certainly needs some strong medication from the vet.

Balance needed to be found

THE tennis authorities – the ATP and the ITF – are going to have to consider their position after Andy Murray, below, revealed a potential players strike over changes they want made to their sporting calendar.

There is no doubt that the calendar is ludicrously packed at the moment and, with so much global travel involved, the players should get a longer off season.

The trouble is the ATP run the normal season events and the ITF the Grand Slams, so there is no single body able to coordinate it all satisfactorily.



There is no doubt if you were given a blank sheet of paper now you could schedule things far better.

But which tournaments are going to be happy to moved by several months.

Would you consider making the Australian Open later in the year?

The difficulty is, such is the dominance of the top four players these days, they can have a huge say.

Without them, any tournament will struggle. They do hold a lot of power.

But despite that the ATP and ITF need to maintain some control because otherwise you will have players running everything and, whilst they might be the stars of the sport, they may also seek to run it for their personal advantages rather than the good of the game as a whole.

Ultimately tennis is a sport that generates a lot of money and very richly rewards its top stars.

A balance needs to be struck.

CHERRIES 2011/12

August
6 Charlton (A) . . . . . .L 0-3
9 Dagenham (H, CC) . . . . . .W 5-0
Taylor 2, Pugh, Cooper, Feeney
13 Sheff Wed (H) . . . . . .W 2-0
Barrett, Arter
16 Stevenage (H) . . . . . .L 1-3
Arter
20 Carlisle (A) . . . . . .L 1-2
Arter (pen)
23 WBA (H, CC) . . . . . .L 1-4
Lovell
27 Walsall (H) . . . . . .L 0-2
20 Hereford (H, JPT) . . . . . .W 4-1
Stockley 2, Pugh, MacDonald

September
3 Notts County (A) . . . . . .L 1-3
10 Chesterfield (H) . . . . . .L 0-3
13 Leyton Orient (A) . . . . . .W 3-1
Arter (pen), Thomas, Pugh
17 Exeter (A) . . . . . .W 2-0
Thomas, OG
24 Hartlepool . . . . . .L 1-2
Gregory

October
1 Tranmere . . . . . .(A)
8 Rochdale . . . . . (H)
15 MK Dons . . . . . .(A)
22 Bury . . . . . .(H)
25 Colchester . . . . . (A)
29 Preston . . . . . (A)

November
5 Scunthorpe . . . . . (H)
19 Wycombe . . . . . (A)
26 Oldham . . . . . .(H)

December
10 Huddersfield . . . . . (A)
17 Sheff Utd . . . . . .(H)
26 Brentford . . . . . (A)
31 Yeovil . . . . . .(A)

January
2 Wycombe . . . . . (H)
7 Walsall . . . . . (A)
14 Notts County . . . . . .(H)
21 Tranmere . . . . . (H)
28 Chesterfield . . . . . (A)

February
4 Exeter . . . . . (H)
11 Hartlepool . . . . . .(A)
14 Leyton Orient . . . . . .(H)
18 Rochdale . . . . . .(A)
25 MK Dons . . . . . (H)

March
3 Charlton . . . . . (H)
6 Stevenage . . . . . .(A)
10 Sheff Wed . . . . . .(A)
17 Carlisle . . . . . (H)
20 Brentford . . . . . (H)
24 Oldham . . . . . (A)
31 Yeovil . . . . . (H)

April
7 Sheff Utd . . . . . (A)
9 Huddersfield . . . . . .(H)
14 Bury . . . . . (A)
21 Colchester . . . . . .(H)
28 Scunthorpe . . . . . (A)

May
5 Preston . . . . . (H)

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

JOE DELIGHT AT JOSH'S DEBUT

JOE Roach admitted he had been "chuffed to bits" to discover Josh Carmichael had become the latest rising star to roll off the Cherries production line.

The 16-year-old midfielder was handed a shock debut as a substitute during the 2-0 win at Exeter last Saturday and came through with flying colours.

Dorset-born Carmichael, who attended Poole Grammar School, has been on the club's books since he was 10 and was given a pre-scholarship agreement by Roach.

"I was delighted," said Roach. "It was another feather in the cap for the youth programme at the club. Josh came in as an under-10 and it was great to see him given an opportunity in the first team.

"He is a very capable lad. We gave him a pre-scholarship agreement a couple of years ago because we felt he had good potential. We made a decision with Josh because we felt he had the talent.

"The club committed to him as they have with some of the young players in the centre now.

"Like any young player, he is going to have peaks and troughs. I know he has had his ups and downs and this will be a massive boost for him.

"He played about a dozen games for the under-18s last season. He is a good size, a good listener and technically very good on the ball.

"He always tried hard and it is a great credit to him for going into the first-team environment and taking it on.

"He had trials for the Scotland development squad and was capped at under-16 level. Hopefully, this will led to further international recognition."

Roach was responsible for unearthing a wealth of talent during his 10 years at Dean Court with the likes of Sam Vokes, Josh McQuoid, Brett Pitman and Danny Ings all earning the club lucrative transfer fees.

However, despite leaving in controversial circumstances in the summer and having been out of work since his acrimonious departure, Roach says he hopes his legacy will continue to help the club produce players for the first team.

"There is good talent in the programme," said Roach. "The foundations have been laid and, about six years ago, we decided to focus on the younger age groups.

"Matt Holmes has worked extremely hard with them to ensure this talent is going to keep coming through.

"In Josh Carmichael, Jayden Stockley and Elliot Ward, the club has had three youth team players turn out for the first team this season and all the credit must go to Lee Bradbury for rewarding them.

"I am as delighted as anybody and that is why you work hard to produce players and try to create a route for them.

"I want the programme to be successful – you don't work at a club for 10 years and not want people to be successful."

DELIGHTED: Joe Roach.

SOUTHERN Daily Echo Travel Offers

NEWMARKET Holidays ABTA The Travel Association

Book online at: www.newmarket.travel/ncs

The Olympic Park & London's Historic East End

Visit London's magnificent Olympic Park before it opens for the Games in 2012. See its development unfolding with our included access to the VIP Olympic Park Viewing Gallery.

2 days from £99.95

Departs 9 Oct & 11 Dec 2011

Top Gear Live at the NEC Birmingham Plus a visit to Coventry Transport Museum

Includes • Return coach travel • 1 night's B&B at a good quality hotel in the Midlands area • A Silver Ticket including: a General seat at the Top Gear Live Theatre at The NEC, Birmingham (ticket upgrades are available at a supplement) • Visit to Coventry Transport Museum, home of the world's largest collection of British road transport on Saturday • Coach transfers from your hotel to the venue on day 2 • Tour Manager services

2 days from £149.00

Departs 12 November 2011

The Cheltenham Gold Cup

This is your chance to experience all the magic which is the Cheltenham Festival – one of the highlights of the sporting year.

Includes • Return coach travel • One night's bed and English breakfast accommodation at a three-star hotel within coaching distance of Cheltenham Racecourse • Admission to Best Mate Enclosure on Thursday and Friday, the last two days of the festival including The Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup (upgrade to Tattersalls available at a supplement) • The services of a Tour Manager

2 days from £165.00

Departs 15 March 2012

To request a brochure or make a booking call:
0843 316 1124 quoting code NCS
Lines open: Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm • Sat 9am - 4pm • Sun 10am - 2pm
Newmarket Promotion ABTA V787X. Calls charged at 4p per min. Single supplement applies .

request a brochure at: www.newmarketbrochures.co.uk/ncs

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Cherries stunned by late 'Pool strike

EVAN Horwood's fantastic second-half drive dramatically ended Cherries' mini-revival at Seward Stadium this afternoon.

The Hartlepool United substitute hammered home in the 87th minute as unbeaten Pools stole a 2-1 victory after a south-coast late show.

Cherries had enjoyed the majority of the play, particularly in the first half, as they looked to build on back-to-back wins over Leyton Orient and Exeter City.

Lee Bradbury's men looked on course to make it three on the spin when Steven Gregory struck from 20 yards eight minutes before the interval.

But former Newcastle United star Nolberto Solano levelled with a fine free-kick before Horwood ended a tight second period in some style.

The defeat left new-look Cherries with just nine points from their opening 10 League One matches.

Boss Bradbury made two changes to the team that won at Exeter – both enforced by injury.

CHERRIES 1 HARTLEPOOL 2

ON TARGET: Steven Gregory netted in the first half for Cherries.

Captain Adam Barrett and Nathan Byrne missed out, with loan recruit Jaime Peters and player-assistant manager Steve Fletcher drafted in.

And the changes seemed to work as Gregory, signed from AFC Wimbledon in the summer, hit his first goal for the club on 37 minutes when he let fly from 25 yards, his sweet strike leaving Flinders clutching at air.

However, the joy at sunny Seward Stadium proved short-lived as Cherries' lead lasted a mere five minutes.

Ex-Premier League man Solano displayed all his qualities when he curled a sumptuous free-kick past the despairing dive of Darryl Flahavan.

And things remained all square until the 87th minute when a cross from the right made its way to Horwood.

And the Pools man left Flahavan with no chance as his powerful rocket of a left-foot shot flew in off the underside of the crossbar.

And despite a late push from Cherries, they could not find a way through as Pools emerged victorious.

POMPEY 2011/12

August
6 Middlesbrough (A) D 2-2
Norris, Varney
9 Barnet (H, CC) . . . .L 0-1
13 Brighton (H) . . . . .L 0-1
16 Reading (H) . . . .W 1-0
Kitson
20 Bristol City (A) . . .D 0-0
27 Cardiff (H) . . . . . .D 1-1
Kanu

September
10 West Ham (A) . . .L 3-4
Varney, Norris, Halford
17 Hull (A) . . . . . .L 0-1
24 Blackpool . . . . .W 1-0
Huseklepp
27 Peterborough . . . . . (H)

October
1 Leeds . . . . . (A)
15 Barnsley . . . . . (H)
18 Ipswich . . . . . .(A)
22 Doncaster . . . . . .(H)
29 Derby . . . . . .(A)

November
1 Crystal Palace . . . . .(A)
5 Nottm Forest . . . . . (H)
19 Watford . . . . . (A)
26 Leicester . . . . . .(H)
29 Birmingham . . . . . (A)

December
3 Coventry . . . . . (H)
10 Burnley . . . . . .(A)
17 Southampton . . . . . (H)
26 Millwall . . . . . .(A)
31 Leicester . . . . . .(A)

January
2 Watford . . . . . (H)
14 West Ham . . . . . .(H)
21 Cardiff . . . . . .(A)
31 Peterborough . . . . . (A)

February
4 Hull . . . . . (H)
11 Blackpool . . . . . .(A)
14 Ipswich . . . . . (H)
18 Barnsley . . . . . (A)
25 Leeds . . . . . .(H)

March
3 Middlesbrough . . . . .(H)
6 Reading . . . . . .(A)
10 Brighton . . . . . (A)
17 Bristol City . . . . . .(H)
20 Birmingham . . . . . (H)
24 Coventry . . . . . .(A)
31 Burnley . . . . . .(H)

April
7 Southampton . . . . . (A)
9 Millwall . . . . . (H)
14 Doncaster . . . . . (A)
17 Crystal Palace . . . .(H)
21 Derby . . . . . (H)

Erik's strike gets Pompey victory

POMPEY 1 BLACKPOOL 0

ERIK Huseklepp scored his first goal for Portsmouth in stoppage-time to stun Blackpool and give Pompey a first win in five npower Championship games.

Blackpool missed a host of chances to condemn Portsmouth to a third straight defeat and, as a result, failed to move into the play-off positions.

Matt Phillips missed two clear-cut chances early on for the visitors whilst Jason Pearce was lucky not to concede a penalty for handball in an entertaining encounter at Fratton Park that had looked set to finish goalless, until Huseklepp's late goal.

The Tangerines dominated a tentative opening period, and had two glorious chances to go ahead in two minutes.

First Gary Taylor-Fletcher brilliantly picked out Matt Phillips after 15 minutes, and the former Wycombe man went around a defender but his instinctive shot was straight at Jamie Ashdown.

And the striker had another chance minutes later to put the visitors in front, this time dragging wide when well-found by strike partner Kevin Phillips.

When Pompey finally found their stride Huseklepp's 25-yard effort flew just over Matt Gilks' crossbar, before Joel Ward lost his marker and headed the home side's best chance of the half wide from close range on the half-hour. Steve Cotterill's men's task could have been made much more difficult when David Norris appeared lucky to escape a red card following an elbow on Ian Evatt.

The visitors saw a stinging Tom Ince free-kick palmed over by Ashdown, before Barry Ferguson smashed a volley narrowly over just before the interval.

The home side came quickly out of the blocks in the second half with youngster Joel Ward's fine strike from 20 yards clearing the bar and Liam Lawrence forcing Gilks into a smart save after 50 minutes.

STEVE COTTERILL

From the corner, Greg Halford stole in front of Alex Baptiste but his header flew just wide.

The game's most controversial moment came after 70 minutes when Evatt's goalbound shot seemed to strike the hand of Pearce, but referee Darren Deadman waved away the appeals.

Portsmouth looked short of imagination up front without the suspended Luke Varney, with Benjani remaining largely anonymous.

Both managers made attacking substitutions as they bid for all three points, but it was Pompey who took them home when Evatt's mis-timed header fell to Norwegian striker Huseklepp, who hammered a volley home from 12 yards to leave Ian Holloway's charges reeling. The winner came with less than a minute of stoppage time remaining and moves Portsmouth up five places to 14th as the Lancashire outfit drop to eighth.

TODAY'S RESULTS – SEE PAGE 48

Hamble Community Sports College

Incorporating HAMBLE SKILLS CENTRE

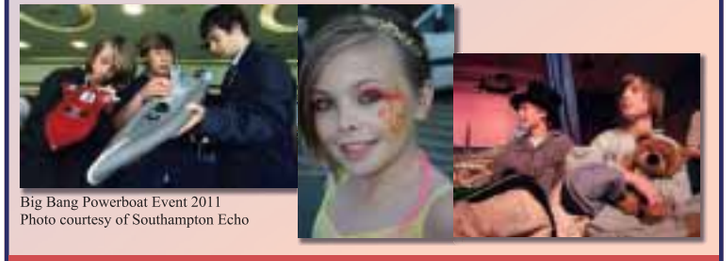
Hamble is a Specialist Sports College, educating students aged 11-18 years

Come and see our thriving, happy, educational community at our Open Evening on
Wednesday September 28
from 5:30-8:00pm, and hear all about the achievement, life long learning and enjoyment to be had at our college.

Also join us for any of our Open Mornings to see for yourself.
8:30-10:30am, or 11:15am-12:45pm, on any of the following dates:

- Tuesday October 4
- Wednesday October 12
- Wednesday November 30
- Friday December 2
- Tuesday March 13
- Wednesday March 14

PLEASE CONTACT US TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT



Big Bang Powerboat Event 2011
Photo courtesy of Southampton Echo

www.hamblecollege.co.uk

Satchell Lane, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire. SO31 4NE
Telephone: 023 8045 2105 email: general@hamblecollege.co.uk

Something to sell?
Items under £100 sell for free

Sell your unwanted items...

Call: 023 8042 4999 Southern Daily Echo

online: dailyecho.co.uk/buyandsell

Knightsleep

MATTRESS CENTRE

SALE GREAT SAVINGS MATTRESS CENTRE SALE GREAT SAVINGS MATTRESS CENTRE SALE GREAT SAVINGS

WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE

Opening Hours: 10am - 5pm.
Closed Thursday & Sunday

(023) 8047 0026
3/5 Thornhill Park Road,
SOUTHAMPTON SO18 5TP
www.knightsleep.co.uk

Lifelike & comfortable dentures from your local experts

Our services • New dentures • Copy dentures
Partial dentures • Repairs and relining

Did you know there is a specialist provider of high-quality lifelike dentures in Winchester? Direct Denture Care is dedicated to crafting the most natural-looking and comfortable dentures possible.

- We treat every patient as an individual
- No middleman -you deal direct with the person who creates your dentures
- Modern clinic - discreet free home visits available within a 15 mile drive from the clinic*

Free consultation!
For an appointment please call: 01962 864 655
Simply mention "Echo" when you book to get your first consultation FREE!

Direct Denture Care
23 Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 6RN
Tel: 01962 864 655 Email: lee@hampshiredentures.co.uk
* Mainland only

Hampshire's leading denture clinic
www.hampshiredentures.co.uk

GMA
GALLAGHER MOBILITY AIDS LTD
'Caring for you'

Free insurance with each new scooter

Lift and reclining chairs From £495

FROM £495

Available here Motability

FROM £110

FROM £48

- USED EQUIPMENT BOUGHT AND SOLD
- HIRE FACILITIES
- FULL MAINTENANCE
- BATH LIFTS

EXTENSIVE RANGE OF WHEELCHAIRS AND 3 & 4 WHEELED WALKERS

Call NOW
Southampton 023 8055 7777
www.disabledaids.org.uk

Independence Building, Belgrave Road, Southampton SO17 3ES
tel: 023 8055 7777
or Unit 4, The Industrial Business Centre, Grange Road, Christchurch
tel: 01425 270666
Finance arranged subject to status

FREE 3D TV Upgrade (usual price £249.99)
On
SONY LED Television

5 Year Guarantee

Sony KDL EX723 Series
available in 32", 37", 40", 46", 55"

. Ultra Slim LED Design
. 100Hz Motion Smoothing
. Freeview HD Tuner
(ready for digital switchover)
. Internet Ready – BBC iPlayer etc.
. Package Discounts on Blu-ray players, Recorders and Stands

Part-Exchange?
We want to part-exchange your old TV – bring your old TV details in for a valuation.

Prices starting from
£699.99
offer ends 12/10/11

Concerned about digital switchover? – call in for a FREE needs assessment

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE
Gibbs
4A - 5A Shirley High Street
Southampton, SO15 3LQ
Tel 023 8077 2475
FREE EASY PARKING NEXT TO OUR STORE
www.gibbs.tv

Spire Southampton Hospital

Women's health evening
Tuesday 6th October 2011, 7.00pm
Book your free place by calling **023 8091 4471** or
for more information visit **www.spiresouthampton.com**

The Italian Dining Group
www.theitaliandininggroup.co.uk

REGGINAS RISTORANTE ITALIANO

• Great Atmosphere • Al Fresco Dining • Free Parking
• Relaxed Bar Area & Large Deck • Full A La Carte Menu
• Ideal For Parties & Celebrations In Our Private Area For Upto 60
• The Freshest Meat & Fish Specialities
Open for Traditional Sunday Lunch

13-15 High Street, The Square, Botley, Hampshire, SO30 2EA
t: 01489 782068 www. regginas.co.uk

Fine dining... the Italian way

Bellini's
ITALIAN RESTAURANT
& LOUNGE BAR

• Free pool table • Free wifi • Any standard size drink just £3

Bellini's Italian Restaurant, Latimer Street (off Oxford Street), Southampton, SO14 3BQ
www.bellinisitalian.co.uk • 023 8033 3711

Tosca's RISTORANTE ITALIANO pizza - pasta - vino

Less than one minute walk from the Mayflower Theatre
Tosca's specialise in pre-performance dinners
• Free WiFi for all diners •

Commercial Road - Southampton - SO15 1GD
www.tosca.co.uk - 023 80572844

"I love being at the college with the top success rates in the area.* Come and join us"

City College Southampton

Open Events
11th and 12th October and
10th November 5 – 7.30pm
Parking available for events

*09/10 National Success Rates tables by The Data Service (all courses GFE 16 – 18 year olds)

Check our website
www.southampton-city.ac.uk

Get busy with the fizzy

We now stock Soda stream!
We also stock the new and replacement gas cylinders, loads of flavours, taster packs and spare bottles!

• Over 30 delicious flavours!
• Stylish and compact machines!
• 60L of drink from one cylinder!
• No batteries or electricity!
• Quick and easy to use!
• 2 year warranty!

Come in store to try out our demonstration model!

apple crumble & kitsch
cooking with style
HIGH STREET
BISHOPS WALTHAM SO32 1AA
t 01489 895107
e enquiries@applecrumbleandkitsch.co.uk.

RON UPFIELD

May the force of blu-ray be with you...

STAR WARS TRILOGY IV-V-VI NOW ON BLU-RAY
WITH SELECTED PANASONIC BLU-RAY PRODUCTS
AVAILABLE NOW AT RON UPFIELD

STAR WARS

©2011 Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment LLC. All rights Reserved.

TM & © 20011 Lucasfilm Ltd. All Rights Reserved. Used Under Authorization. Star Wars & all characters, names & related indicia are trademarks of & © Lucasfilm Ltd.

High Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1AB
Tel: 01489 892177 • www.ronupfield.com • enquiries@ronupfield.com

AUTUMN SALE
10% OFF EVERYTHING INSTORE

WE'RE NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

10% OFF EVERYTHING!

Versatile and functional sliding wardrobes - Luxury & Economy ranges
Top quality from a local, established, reliable family business
Fitted bedrooms and matching furniture
Bespoke furniture designed for your home
We can design your room using CAD software
PLUS NEW economy range of metal framed sliding doors at LOW PRICES

Visit a showroom near you or buy online at: www.swansystemsuk.com

West End Main Showroom:
15-19 Swaythling Road, West End, Southampton SO30 3AG
Tel: 02380 465 485

Swan Systems Furniture
UNIQUE SLIDING WARDROBES & BEDROOM FURNITURE

Head Office & Factory Showroom:
Units 6 / 6a The Tanneries, East Street, Titchfield, Fareham PO14 4AR
Tel: 01329 843 636

Showrooms open : Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm

SOUTHERN Daily Echo

FIND THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £12,000

or £1,300 nearest miss prize...

PLUS 70 consolation prizes of £15 each week

20 for Southern Daily Echo
20 for Daily Echo Bournemouth
10 for Dorset Echo
10 for Sunday Independent
10 for Brighton Argus

FIND THE BALL is a test of skill and football knowledge and is open to readers of the Southampton, Bournemouth, Dorset Echos, Brighton Argus and Sunday Independent, Plymouth.

You have to use your skill and judgement to determine the exact centre of the ball.

Mark an X with a ballpoint pen on the picture where you consider that position to be – clear rubber stamps and self adhesive labels will also be accepted.

Every coupon will be carefully examined and the jackpot prize will be paid to the entrant whose cross marks the exact centre of the ball when the photograph was taken.

If the Jackpot is not won, £1,000 will be added to next week's jackpot and £50 will be added to the nearest-miss prize.

The nearest-miss prize will be paid out to the competitor whose cross is nearest to the centre of the ball when there is no jackpot winner.

When a jackpot has been won the next week's prize reverts back to £6,000 and the nearest-miss prize at £1,000.

If the Jackpot is not won after 45 weeks, when standing at £50,000, three nearest miss prizes will be awarded totalling £24,000 – with a first prize of £12,000, a second prize of £8,000 and a third prize of £4,000.

The jackpot for the following week will be £26,000 with £1,000 being added each week. The nearest miss prize will be £2,000 with £50 added each week until the jackpot prize reaches £50,000.

If there is still no entry showing the exact centre of the ball, the process is repeated until there is an exact centre of the ball winner.

If there is more than one winner the jackpot will be shared and, similarly, if there is more than one runner-up the nearest miss prize will also be shared.

RESULTS

CLOSING DATE FOR POSTAL ENTRIES
Wednesday, 28 September 2011
Names of winners will be published on **Saturday, 1 October or Sunday 2 October 2011**

Winners

Competition number **S37**

JACKPOT WINNER **NO WINNER**

CONGRATULATIONS
Mr R Tiller, Bournemouth, Dorset.
who wins the Runner Up prize of £1,250

The following competitors each receive a consolation prize of **£15**

Mr F Baldwin, Southampton, Hants
Mrs J Bath, Southampton, Hants.
Mr G Dear, Salisbury, Wiltshire
Mrs D Elliott, Southampton, Hants
Mr J Everett, Southampton, Hants
Mr R Frost, Lee-on-solent, Hants
Mr J Gardner, Wickham, Hants
Me B Glass, Southampton, Hants
Mrs L Hine, Southampton, Hants
Mrs J Hughes, Southampton, Hants
Mrs T Matthews, Southampton, Hants
Mr J Morris, Southampton, Hants
Mrs W Parry, Fareham, Hants
Mrs V Perkins, Southampton, Hants
Mr P Schwamborn, Lyndhurst, Hants
Mrs R Smirk, Southampton, Hants
Mrs L Swain, Southampton, Hants
Mr J Veitch, Waltham Chase, Hants
Mr D White, Romsey, Hants
Mrs M Whyton, Fareham, Hants

Rules

1. You are allowed a minimum of 60 crosses and a maximum of 325 per coupon. Coupons with 326 or more will be disqualified. Entries altered defaced or mutilated will be invalid. Crosses must be distinct and separate. **2.** Competitors may submit as many coupons as they wish. Members of a family can send their entries in one envelope with a covering postal order or cheque. **3.** No responsibility can be accepted for entries delayed, lost or mislaid. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. **4.** Payment may be made by postal order or cheque for the correct amount payable to Newsquest, and crossed '& Co.' Stamps **will not** be accepted in payment. **5.** A competitor cannot win more than one share of the prize money across all titles each week. **6.** The Editor's decision on winning entry or entries and matters relating to this competition is binding in honour only. NO CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE ENTERED INTO. **7.** Employees of NEWSQUEST Media Group and subsidiary companies and members of their families are not eligible to enter the competition. **8.** Address entries to FTB PO Box 24 Competitions, Southampton SO16 9ZD in a sealed envelope. Understamped entries are not accepted. **9.** Prize monies are held for and on behalf of winners. **10.** Do not send cash in the post. **11.** Winners will be required to participate in publicity.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE ONLY

An incident in a Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers match

Please use black/blue ink and capitals **September 24, 2011** Please cross box

TITLE ☐ MR ☐ MRS ☐ MISS ☐ MS
FIRST NAME
SURNAME
ADDRESS No.
POSTCODE
DAYTIME TELEPHONE

S38

☐ **60 CROSSES £1**
☐ **125 CROSSES £2**
☐ **200 CROSSES £3**
☐ **325 CROSSES £4**

I Enclose cash\cheque\postal order No.

☐ Please cross the box if you do not wish to receive information about other Daily Echo promotions

On what day(s) do you purchase the Daily Echo?
☐ MON ☐ TUE ☐ WED ☐ THURS ☐ FRI ☐ SAT

Do you have the paper home delivered?
☐ YES ☐ NO

SOUTHERN Daily Echo

SAVE POSTAGE

For your convenience coupons may be posted in our **FIND THE BALL** collecting boxes located at selected newsagents and all branch offices

Deadlines for branch office collection boxes are as follows:
Bournemouth Echo
12 noon Tuesday
Southern Daily Echo
12noon Tuesday
Dorset Echo
Closing time Monday

Deadlines for selected newsagents collection boxes as listed in:
Bournemouth Echo
closing time Monday
Southern Daily Echo
10.00 am Tuesday
Dorset Echo
Closing time Monday

A list of participating newsagents will be published in the Echos on the first Saturday of each month

PLEASE NOTE:
NEW COLLECTION TIMES FOR NEWSAGENTS

Please complete entry form and send to:
FTB
PO BOX 24
Competitions
Southampton
SO16 9ZD

Cheques payable to Newsquest

Non-league Action

Young Spitfires do the business

BLUE SQ BET SOUTH: Eastleigh 2 Stains Town 1

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EASTLEIGH ended a four-match run without a win with a priceless 2-1 home victory over fellow Blue Square Bet South strugglers Staines Town this afternoon.

The Spitfires made one change to the side beaten 2-0 at Sutton in mid-week, bringing in ex-Saint Jordace Holder-Spooner for Andrew White.

Staines' line-up included ex-Eastleigh players Adam Everitt and Mark Nwokeji and left-back Pete Smith, formerly of Lymington & New Milton and Winchester City.

It was one of the Spitfires old boys, Everitt, who stunned his former club with an audacious sixth-minute opener.

Spotting Gareth Barfoot off his line, he sent a quickly taken 45-yard free-kick from the left sailing over the back-pedalling keeper to leave the home side flabbergasted.

Eastleigh, who have made an unhappy habit of leaking early goals, created their first opening on 16 minutes when Jamie Slabber met Graeme Montgomery's cross and sent a glancing header well over.

And two minutes later the former Spurs forward was in the right place at the right time again with more favourable results.

Staines' defence made a hash of trying to clear the ball after Eastleigh skipper Tom Jordan had headed on Henrik Breimyr's throw and Slabber was there to poke it home at the far post.

Slabber so nearly had another on 22 minutes, but his header from Andy Forbes' cross was clawed away by keeper Louis Wells.

Jordan then nodded over from another Breimyr throw as Eastleigh kept up the pressure and their persistence paid off when they took a 25th minute lead.

Richard Gillespie played in Holder-Spooner, whose low drive was spilled by Wells at his near post and Jamie Brown was in like a flash to bury the loose ball.

With the Staines defence in panic mode, Eastleigh began raining in shots through Danny Smith and Gillespie, but they were either narrowly off target or scrambled away by the under-the-cosh visitors.

Staines came back into it more as the half progressed without ever seriously worrying the Spitfires, who deservedly led at half-time.

The visitors took an early grip after the break and it needed desperate defending by Eastleigh to prevent a 52nd-minute leveller.

Barfoot did well to turn away Richard Butler's shot at full stretch and Andre Scarlett's close-range follow-up was blocked by Breimyr. Eastleigh finally breathed a sigh of relief when a second attempt by Butler was cleared for a corner.

The Spitfires responded by creating panic at the other end with a Montgomery cross – Gillespie's shot blocked amid the mayhem.

Jordan went off for treatment on a blood nose temporarily reducing Eastleigh to ten men, but he returned with a change of shirt and tissues to stem the flow.

Another scramble in the Eastleigh box followed, but Barfoot came to the rescue, turning Gareth Risbridger's shot round the post at full stretch.

As the Staines bombardment continued, Risbridger had another crack at goal, this time with an overhead kick which Barfoot touched over.

Butler then burst menacingly into the area, but was thwarted by a great block from Breimyr.

With just over ten minutes to go, White replaced Holder-Spooner and then Eastleigh attempted to shore things up by introducing experienced new signing Shaun Wilkinson for Gillespie.

The duo were quickly involved in a promising Spitfires move, but Brown delayed his shot too long and was blocked out by the visiting defence.

On 88 minutes 16-year-old striker Sam Wilson came off the bench for the briefest of warm-ups before he starts a week of assessment with Premier League outfit Fulham on Monday.

GET IN: Jamie Slabber celebrates netting for Eastleigh.
Daily Echo pic by Stuart Martin

Robbie's many happy returns

SALISBURY 3 EASTBOURNE 0

ROBBIE Matthews returned to his home town club with a goal in the Whites' comprehensive 3-0 win over Eastbourne Borough.

On the day the Whites were far superior and dominated the early stages with Dan Fitchett and Chris Giles going close.

On 25 minutes Charlie Knight sent a firm shot at goalkeeper Rikki Banks but four minutes before the interval Salisbury's solid back four was disturbed when they lost the impressive Callum Hart to injury.

The Whites reacted well, however, and a minute before the break took the lead when the ball was floated into the box by Adam Kelly, flicked on by Ryan Brett and volleyed home by Dan Fitchett.

Matthews was in the right place at the right time to make it 2-0 after Jake Reid had got away down the left to fire in a cross shot, which was parried to the big striker close in.

That's how it stayed until the later stages, as, after a number of chances, the Whites made it 3-0 on on 82 minutes.

The third goal arrived when Reid and the defender went up for the ball and Brett profited with a close range header.

Totton's first home defeat

AFC TOTTON 0 HITCHIN 1

TOTTON were beaten at Testwood Stadium for the first time this season by a resolute Hitchin side who grabbed the winner 12 minutes from time.

Totton's first goal-scoring opportunity arrived on four minutes when Jonathan Davies' deep cross to the far post was headed down by Mike Gosney to Nathaniel Sherborne who fired over

Hitchin began to gain the upper hand mid-way through the first half and Grant Porter was forced to make saves in quick succession from John Frendo and Zak Burke.

On the half-hour Totton had a let-off when Jerome Anderson poked the ball home from a corner but the linesman's flag was already raised for a foul on Porter.

Five minutes later Frendo's superb through ball let in Burke but he skewed his shot wide with only Porter to beat.

Totton started the second half confidently and on 53 minutes Stefan Brown fed Carl Pettefer just inside the area, but the Stags' skipper fired over.

The Stags had a number of chances but could not finished and they were punished when the ball reached Ievan Lewis, who drilled home his angled shot from eight yards to give Hitchin an undeserved three points.

Non-league Football

Jack's on the move

WESSEX Premier high-fliers Christchurch have swooped to sign much-travelled striker Jack Swann.

Priory boss Graham Kemp moved quickly following Swann's return from a round-the-world jaunt on Monday.

The former Poole, Hamworthy United and Poppies marksman put the finishing touches to his move to Hurn Bridge after watching Christchurch go fourth in the Sydenhams Premier with a 2-1 win over Alton on Tuesday.

His addition to the Priory ranks coincides with the possible return of dual-registered Russell Cook to parent club Poole Town.

Kemp explained: "Jack had been travelling the world for a couple of months and came back on Monday. I don't think too many people knew he had returned and we snapped him up.

SWANN

"He is going to be a really good signing for us, especially as I think we might lose Russell. I think Poole will want him back sooner rather than later.

"Like Russell, Jack will give us the option of having someone who can play off a targetman so this suits all parties."

Stunning second-half strikes from Mark Smith and James Burden saw Christchurch secure a deserved victory against Alton. Earlier, Ben Osborne had seen his penalty saved after Steve Brown had given the visitors a fifth-minute lead.

Kemp added: "We shot ourselves in the foot by conceding a sloppy goal and then missing the penalty. But, on the back of our second-half performance, I don't think anybody could have begrudged us the three points.

"We were different class and it was just a matter of time before we scored."

Facebook plea

RINGWOOD Town boss Wayne Lockey has issued a plea on Facebook for new players to join the club.

The Sydenhams One basement boys have been hit by an injury crisis, prompting Lockey to hold an open trial for potential new signings.

Anyone interested in playing a trial game for Ringwood is urged to contact club secretary Aubrey Hodder at ringwoodtownfc@live.co.uk

Alternatively respond to Lockey via Facebook.

Dan Morrell struck twice for Ringwood last Saturday as they bounced back from 2-0 down to secure a 2-2 draw at high-flying AFC Portchester.

Zak McGregor and Jay Ripner had put Portchester in charge, but they let that lead slip, prompting manager Glen Bridgman to describe it as "rubbish."

Just a few days earlier, Portchester had earned high praise from their boss after knocking Newport IoW out of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup 5-3 after extra time.

It earns them a home tie against Lymington Town.

Curb your temper, Gary

GARY Bowles has been urged to improve his disciplinary record – or risk ruining his burgeoning career.

The 22-year-old defender, who signed for AFC Bournemouth last month before being loaned back to Dorchester Town, was dismissed following an off-the-ball incident 29 minutes into the Magpies 1-0 Blue Square Bet South defeat at Basingstoke.

It was his fourth red card in less than a year.

Bowles missed the first five games of this season suspended and Dorchester manager Ashley Vickers insists the former Yeovil man must work on his temperament.

"It's something he needs to address, otherwise it will damage his career," he warned.

"He has a massive opportunity at Bournemouth and he needs to give himself the best opportunity of fulfilling his potential.

"I'm not hanging him out to dry. It's something he needs to take on board and I'm sure he will."

Dorchester skipper Mark Jermyn has been ruled out of action for six weeks with a strained medial knee ligament."

GARY BOWLES

Tom hails his Poole cup heroes

TOM Killick hailed his new-look strike partnership after Scott Joyce and Dan Cann fired Poole Town towards a 3-0 home win over higher league Kingstonian in last Saturday's FA Cup first qualifying round.

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

The attacking duo have netted nine goals between them since Joyce's summer arrival from Wimborne Town and were too hot for the Ryman Premier strugglers to handle.

Joyce and Cann weighed in with a goal apiece before Will Spetch warmed up for this week's trial with AFC Bournemouth by heading in Dolphins' third.

"Scott's record over the years speaks volumes for his goal scoring, but since he came to us he has really worked hard and his hold-up play has been good," said Killick, manager of Southern One South West new boys.

"You take the goals for granted with him, but the other aspects of his performances have also been good.

"And Dan is just what you need. He is such a strong player, he can keep the ball well and that takes the pressure off a bit.

"The better the standard of opposition, the better he plays. He is much more effective at this level than in the Wessex League."

GOAL ACE: Joyce, left.

Poole's reward for beating Kingstonian is another home tie against Cadbury Heath of the Toolstation Western League Division One next Saturday (October 1).

● Jon Blake and Jake Rowley fired Bournemouth Poppies through to the second qualifying round at the 2-1 expense of Sydenhams Premier rivals Newport IoW, who replied through Martin McDonough.

"It was the first time we had a lot of balance in the team. Now we need to get our act together and stop dropping silly points in the league," said Poppies boss Kenny Vaughan, whose side host Conference South outfit Truro City in the next round.

"There is still a lot of work to do. We have some youngsters and lads who have stepped up and it is going to take time."

● Horndean exited 3-1 at Southern One South & West leaders Hungerford.

The newly-promoted Sydenhams Premier outfit took a deserved 15th-minute lead through Torr Spicer before Jack Warren rattled the post as the underdogs made their presence felt.

The home side eventually hit back through Mark Draycott, ex-Sholing midfielder Dean Stow and Jamie Gosling, but proud Horndean boss Dave Carter said: "Hungerford didn't know what had hit them in the first half and we led until the 70th minute."

Ross injury woe

BASINGSTOKE Town will be without captain Ross Adams for at least two months after the centre-back suffered a broken leg during last Saturday's 1-0 win over Dorchester Town.

The 28-year-old was injured in a challenge with Magpies' striker Rico Wilson early in the Blue Square Bet South encounter and was clearly in agony as he was stretchered off.

Adam was taken to Basingstoke Hospital where an X-ray revealed his right leg was broken, meaning six weeks in plaster.

Town went on to win the game 1-0 thanks to Tim Sills's first goal since his return to the club, but the victory was overshadowed by Adams's injury.

"It's a blow for us because he has started the season well and looked dominant in the game on Saturday," said Basingstoke boss Frank Gray.

"But it is one of those unfortunate things.

"Hopefully he will make a speedy recovery and there will be no complications because he is a big player for us.

"Centre-back is not an area where we have a lot of cover, so I am looking at trying to get another player in on loan. But it is bad timing because we have at least one FA Cup game coming up and teams will not want their players cup-tied."

BROKEN LEG: Ross Adams

SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUES – SEE PAGES 32/33

Non-league Football

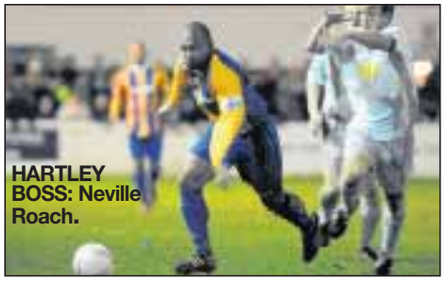
North Hampshire cup killers

WHITCHURCH United and Hartley Wintney did north Hampshire proud in the first qualifying round of last Saturday's FA Cup.

Having already knocked Bemerton and Brading out of the competition, Whitchurch toppled their Sydenhams One rivals, Brockenhurst, 2-0 with goals from Ashley Childs and Alex Dockree.

Hartley, meanwhile, claimed the prized scalp of Southern Premier outfit Bashley 1-0.

Managed by former Basingstoke and Easteligh frontman Neville Roach, Combined Counties Division One outfit Hartley floored the Foresters with a Dan Brownlie winner eight minutes from time.



HARTLEY BOSS: Neville Roach.

Overjoyed Whitchurch boss Jim Macey said: "We have never been this far in the competition, so it is great for everyone involved at the club. And it was tremendous that Hartley won as well."

Southampton-based Bashley boss Steve Riley described the defeat as "one of the lowest moments in my managerial career".

And he said he had apologised to the club's hierarchy.

Whitchurch now host Gloucester City of the Conference North next Saturday (October 1).

Meanwhile, Hartley are at home to Evo-Stik Southern One South & West outfit Bideford.

NO WAY MILLERS CAN FIND THE NET

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

TOTTON & Eling's number one priority is netting themselves a new chairman.

But in the meantime, just the netting would do!

Ever since moving into their new Little Testwood Farm home nearly a year ago, the Millers' biggest bugbear is having to retrieve the many match balls that get kicked out of play and fly off in the direction of Testwood Lakes on the far side of the ground.

Liam Dawtry, son of team boss Kevin, takes his old training shoes to matches in readiness for rummaging through the undergrowth in search of lost balls, and there's a pair of club wellington boots on standby in the changing room for anyone venturing out on a recovery mission.

Even assistant team manager Chris Tona gets involved in the hunt, dropping into the ground every couple of days on his way home from work in Nursling.

"As soon as I saw the new ground, I said we'd need some netting over the back," said ex-Saint Dawtry.

"We haven't had any balls going in the lakes, they don't get quite that far. But it can take a quarter of an hour to get a ball back by the time you've gone out the gate, round the hedge and down the bottom to look for it.

"It'll be a bit easier once winter sets in and some of the greenery goes. We might actually be able to see the balls then!

"I pay my lad Liam to do the job.

OUT IN THE OPEN: Eling & Testwood's Little Testwood Farm home is proving a bit open to lost balls.
Right: Eling boss Kev Dawtry.

He spends most of his time on match days going over the back and bringing balls back.

"He brings his old training shoes along specially so that he doesn't ruin his new ones!

"If there's anyone out there who could help us with some netting, we'd be very grateful.

"We've got a scaffolding company who will do the work – all we need now is the net."

Hunting for footballs aside, Tona is highly content with life at Totton & Eling. Having lost several established players during the summer, the Millers have welcomed in several new recruits who are settling in well.

With Dawtry away on business in Switzerland, Tona took charge for T&E's Hampshire FA Senior Cup trip to Moneyfields which ended 2-0 in the Millers' favour courtesy of recent arrivals Craig Feeney and Eddie Smith.

Feeney, an 18-year-old frontman signed from Fawley AFC, is highly rated by the management, while Irishman Smith – a Southampton Solent University student – has impressed since being introduced to the Millers by goalkeeper Scott Brown.

The Moneyfields win sets T&E up for an October 11 visit from Alex Pike's Gosport Borough who they memorably defeated in the Russell Cotes Cup final two seasons ago.

"I'm really enjoying it this season," said Tona. "This lot of players will listen and learn and the team spirit is great."

The Millers followed their HSC success with a slender 1-0 home win over Laverstock & Ford in the Sydenhams Premier last Saturday.

Terry Cox, another summer addition from Hythe & Dibden, scored the 50th-minute winner direct from a corner.

"We both had chances in the first half, but for 25 minutes in the second half we dominated," said Dawtry.

"We should probably have gone on to win it more comfortably, but it all got a bit tense and scrappy towards the end.

"We had Steve Jenkin and Jimmy Anderson away at a wedding and Matt Monk had to fill in at right-back because Jon Brock's in Vietnam.

"So, in that context, to win and keep a clean sheet was pleasing."

● Anyone interested in the T&E chairman's post or in helping the club out with their netting dilemma should contact secretary Michael Clarke at *secretary@tottonandelingfc.co.uk*

Non-league News

Callum's rapid rise goes on

CALLUM Buckley has signed a one-year youth contract with AFC Bournemouth following a six-week trial.

The 15-year-old midfield prodigy impressed coaches and scouts after heavily contributing to some huge wins for Winchester City's youth side, ***writes STEVEN WOODGATE.***

Buckley joined Winchester's youth set-up six months ago from Sherbourne St John's in Basingstoke and has been a key figure ever since.

His father, Ralph, praised City's head of youth Sam Scott and the whole club in developing the teenager's career.

"Callum wanted to come here straight away. It's hard to bridge the gap between youth football and adult football and coming here has helped him a lot," he said.

"Sam and Conor McCarthy have been tremendous and he's received a great opportunity by playing against some great academy sides.

"The Basingstoke league is not as good as it is down here and the lads love training sessions with Sam."

First teamer McCarthy had taken Buckley under his wing and provided private one-on-one tuition to fine-tune his technique in intense, weekly 90-minute sessions.

McCarthy insists that Buckley, right, has the potential to make it after spending a lot of time with the midfielder.

"Callum's a very hard worker and when he arrived with us he had the raw talent, so it was all about making him an all-round better footballer," said the ex-Saints Academy defender.

"We helped develop his game and he soon became an important player at his age. He has plenty of potential to succeed.

"He worked tirelessly in our sessions, they were there to help him develop certain areas of his game. We're over the moon for Callum."

Scott is delighted for Buckley and hopes he is the first of many success stories for Winchester's youth side.

"He's a fantastic player and has tremendous potential to succeed," he said. "It just goes to prove what a great set-up we're developing with many good coaches helping kids learn and develop their football.

"Hopefully, this will act as a catalyst to encourage kids around the area to join us and play football."

Winchester are constantly on the lookout for bright talent.

Youngsters, aged from 9 to 16, who want to play football regularly and participate in some professional training sessions should contact Sam Scott on 07557 877157 or email winchesteracademy@gmail.com

GOT A STORY FOR US? EMAIL echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

Non-league Football

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Monday, September 26
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division One South & West: Taunton v Wimborne.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Eastleigh v Christchurch.
East Division: Winchester City v Petersfield.

Tuesday, September 27
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Red Insure Cup, preliminary roubnd: Weymouth v Sholing.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Hamworthy, Downton v Totton & Eling, Fareham v Brading, Horndean v Lymington Town, Laverstock & Ford v Christchurch, New Milton v Hayling Utd, Romsey v Moneyfields.
SWL Cup, first round: Brockenhurst v Team Solent.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Dorchester Town v Bemerton HH.
West Division: Romsey Town v Laverstock & Ford.

Wednesday, September 28
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Newport IoW v Bournemouth Poppies.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Division One: AFC Aldermaston v Liss Athletic.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Gosport Borough v Fleet Town, Moneyfields v AFC Totton, Poole Town v Wimborne Town
HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
First round: Hythe & Dibden v Locks Heath.

Thursday, September 29
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bashley v Newport IoW.

Friday, September 30
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Christchurch v Bemerton HH

Saturday, October 1
FA CUP
Second qualifying round: Chipstead v Billericay Town, Oxhey jets v Hendon, Hanworth Villa v Aveley, Cray Wanderers v Erith Town, Arlesey Town v Hampton & Richmond Borough, Redbridge v Bury Town, Slough Town v Boreham Wood, East Thurrock Utd v St Albans City, Southend Manor v Chertsey Town, Dover Athletic v Carshalton Athletic, North Greenford Utd v Hythe Town, Chelmsford City v Tonbridge Angels, Sutton Utd v Dulwich Hamlet, Wroxham v Concord Rangers, Dartford v Harrow Borough, Margate v Thamesmead Town, Bromley v Welling Utd, Leighton Town v Barton Rovers or Hatfield Town, Whitehawk v Cambridge City or Maldon & Tiptree, Staines Town v Beaconsfield SYCOB, Burnham v Horsham or Lingfield, Dunstable Town v Chesham Utd, Biggleswade Town v Leatherhead, Canvey Island v Bishops Stortford, Waltham Forest v Eastbourne Borough, Maidstone Utd v Bognor Regis Town, Merstham v AFC Sudbury, Lowestoft Town v Hemel Hempstead or Brentwood Town, VCD Athletic v Thurrock, Worthing v Beckenham Town, Havant & Waterlooville v Sholing, Hallen or Frome Town v Basingstoke Town, Thame Utd v Oxford City, Bournemouth Poppies v Truro City, Dorchester Town v Weston-super-Mare, Whitchurch Utd v Gloucester City, Chippenham Town v Woking, Salisbury City v Swindon Supermarine, Yate Town v Bodmin Town, Godalming v Worcester City, Poole Town v Cadbury Heath, Eastleigh v Cinderford Town, Weymouth v Hungerford Town, Hartley Wintney v Bideford AFC, Maidenhead Utd v Farnborough, Clevedon Town v AFC Totton.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier: Brackley v Redditch.
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Wimborne, Gosport Borough v Taunton (provisional), Halesowen v Thatcham, Mangotsfield v Didcot.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Alton, Bournemouth Poppies v Brading, Downton v Moneyfields, Fawley AFC v Newport IoW, GE Hamble v Romsey Town, Hamworthy v Horndean, Lymington Town v Hayling Utd, New Milton v Laverstock & Ford, Totton & Eling v Fareham, Winchester City v Blackfield & Langley.
Division One: Amesbury v Pewsey Vale, Andover NS v Brockenhurst, Hythe & Dibden v Tadley Calleva, Petersfield v East Cowes Vics, Ringwood v Warminster, Stockbridge v Team Solent, US Portsmouth v Fleet Spurs, Whitchurch v Cowes Sports.
DORSET SENIOR CUP
First round: Blandford v Verwood Town.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Division One: Sporting BW v AFC Aldermaston.
Combination: AFC Aldermaston v Paulsgrove, Colden Common v Sporting BW, Fleetlands v Otterbourne, Locks Heath v Clanfield, Winchester Castle v QK Southampton.
HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
First round: AFC Stoneham v Nursling, Alresford Town Res v Liss Athletic Res, Bishopstoke WMC v AFC Stoneham Res, Bournemouth Manor v Colden Common, Bournemouth Sports v Ryde Sports, Clanfield v Old Farnboronians Res, Hamble Club v Infinity, Hedge End Rangers v Portsmouth Kurdish Utd, Liphook Utd v NAP Construction, Liss Athletic v Meon Utd, Oakfield v Fleetlands, Old Farnboronians v Winchester Castle, Otterbourne v Southside, Paulsgrove v Durley, Petersfield Town Res v Hamble Club Res, QK Southampton v Cowes Sports Res, University of Portsmouth v Thornhill HK, Upham v Overton Utd.

KEV CUTTER

Cutter shows loyalty

SEVERAL players who were at Lyndhurst when they pulled the plug on Hampshire Premier League football last season have shown their loyalty and rejoined.

Kev Cutter turned down the chance to play Sydenhams Premier football with GE Hamble and goalkeeper Matt Sturgess has climbed back on board despite chairman Dave Elgram's belief that he could "join any club in Hampshire and improve them."

Another key player to have rejoined Lyndhurst is club skipper Dan Charrett who was courted by a couple of county sides.

"We also have youngsters like Andy Trodd, Anthony Rouse and Shaun New who all have fantastic ability," said Elgram.

"Add to them recent signings Aaron Chapman and Matt Thorne and the squad is starting to take shape."

For Lyndhurst to go forward, they need help from sponsors and volunteers.

"Whilst we appreciate that times are hard for a lot of people and spare time is precious, any interested sponsors would be welcome, however small," said Elgram. "Also, new volunteers would be welcomed with open arms."

Any interested party should contact Mike Thomas on 07779 031060.

LYNDHURST GO FOR EXPERIENCE

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

LYNDHURST, one of Hampshire's oldest football clubs, have brought in two experienced bodies to help them back into county football.

The New Forest outfit, founded as Lyndhurst & Emery Down FC in February 1885, were forced to withdraw from the Hampshire Premier League (HPL) midway through last season after six years at county level.

They have since reformed and are reluctantly playing in Southampton Senior 1, having been turned down for Hampshire League 2004 membership during the summer – despite passing the ground grading with flying colours.

The plan now is to rebuild the New Forest club on and off the pitch with the goal of reclaiming their HPL status and eventually achieving Step 6 football.

To help them on their way they have appointed former QK Southampton man Mike Thomas as vice-chairman and brought in Tony Yates – the mastermind behind AFC Redbridge's rise through the junior leagues into the Southampton Premier - as assistant manager.

The pair will help share the burden carried by chairman Dave Elgram who admits he made some over-hasty decisions in the past when he was running the club virtually single-handedly.

WELL DONE: Dave Elgram receives the 2010/11 'Groundsman of the Year' award from representatives of Hampshire FA and Fleet Line Markers.

"It is no secret that Lyndhurst FC is practically a one-man band," he said. "And I have found out the hard way that running a county standard team and trying to keep the ground and facilities up to standard needs more dedicated people.

"Unfortunately, dedicated people are in short supply and, over the last year and a half, rather than wait and appoint the right people, we have jumped at the most attractive option on the table at that moment in time.

"A lot of time and money was spent upgrading our clubhouse and changing rooms and a lot more care and attention – not to mention money – was spent on pitch maintenance which culminated in me being presented with the groundsman of the year award for 2010/11.

"Unfortunately, whilst facility standards improved, the player pool slowly but surely eroded.

"We tried to run before we could walk and attracted the wrong group of players who were never interested in the club and jumped ship as soon as better offers came along.

"Our demise was highlighted only last Saturday when we entertained Colden Common in the Southampton Senior Cup and were comfortably beaten 3-0.

"Just over a year ago we played Colden Common who, at the time, were HPL champions, and beat them to go fourth in the league.

"What a difference a year makes!"

"We find ourselves in our current position because we went for the quick fix option over the last 18 months."

With the Football Association having put the HPL's Step 7 status on hold because not enough clubs meet the ground grading requirements, Lyndhurst's priority is to rebuild a squad to compete at that level.

Their long-term plan is to replace their current clubhouse and changing rooms and work towards Step 6 football.

"To help this process we have appointed Mike Thomas as vice-chairman," Elgram explained. "Mike held this position at QK Southampton up until the end of last season.

"He is vastly experienced and has great contacts from his time involved with Romsey Town and Blackfield & Langley.

"His role is to pursue sponsorship to help develop the facility.

"Our new assistant manager Tony Yates was, until recently, involved with the success story that was AFC Redbridge.

"Unfortunately Redbridge, as an adult entity, could not make further progress and Tony took the decision to call time on his creation.

"His enthusiasm around the club has already been noticed. He has attracted a few more local faces to training with a view to joining.

"We see him as a big part of the club's future."

TOP NON LEAGUE PREVIEWS IN THE ECHO EVERY FRIDAY

Non-league Football

Pedigree signings for Hythe

LEE BURCH

HYTHE & Dibden have added two pedigree Waterside lads to their ranks.

Marchwood-based former Lyndhurst and Andover utility man Sam Floyd has resisted offers from elsewhere to sign for his local club.

And joining him at Jones Lane is ex-Saints and AFC Bournemouth youngster Dan Barrington.

Lee Burch, who shares Hythe's managerial duties with Wayne Harvey, knew Floyd well before their playing days together at Andover.

"Sam's a local lad from Marchwood and he knows all our players," he said.

"He was originally a midfielder but, because of his size – he's 6ft 6in and massive – he played a lot of games at centre-back for Andover and also filled in up front.

"He's one of those lads who can play anywhere but, despite his size, his best asset is his feet and he wants to play in the centre of the park, which is where we will play him.

"But as (former Andover boss) Andy Leader said to me, good players these days don't have one position, they can play all over the park.

"Work commitments will affect Sam a bit, but he's another local lad who will add to the side."

Regaining his appetite

The same can be said of Barrington, who is regaining his appetite for the game.

"Dan's another one who's as local as they come," Burch explained.

"He was at Southampton for years from a kid up to a teenager and then went to Bournemouth.

"He had a little spell at Winchester after that, but he fell out of love with the game and hasn't played lately due to work and family commitments.

"Things didn't work out at Bournemouth and when you come out of that professional environment it can be difficult. But you don't get to play at that level without being technically gifted and having something about you.

"I've known Dan since he was ten. He played for the same youth club, Hythe Strikers, as I did, but he was a couple of years below me.

"Hythe Strikers were a really good side and quite a few of the lads went into Southampton.

"Dan's still only in his early 20s and he's kept his fitness up playing five-a-side and so on.

"He was a right-back at Saints and then played more through the centre. I'm not sure where he'll play for us. It's a case of seeing how he feels once he gets full match fitness."

Hythe need all the fresh inspiration they can get, having slumped to three straight league defeats since jolting Brockenhurst 1-0 at Grigg Lane last month.

Last Saturday they were on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline at high-riding Stockbridge who stretched their unbeaten run to seven games.

Stockbridge took the lead in the first minute when Mark Bailey's huge throw fell for Steve Witt to drill the ball home.

They then hit the post through Jack Hutching before doubling their advantage on 26 minutes when Jazz Beavis threaded the ball through for Dave Cotter to score.

Hythe pulled a goal back with 15 minutes to go, but Stockbridge were in no mood to surrender the points.

It completed an excellent week for the Robins following their 3-2 midweek win over US Portsmouth in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup, which booked them a home tie against Winchester City.

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

WHY IT'S ALL WHITE ON THE NIGHT!

JAMIE WHITE

A STUNNING performance by ex-Saint Jamie White helped Winchester City knock GE Hamble off their Sydenhams Premier pedestal on Tuesday.

Goals from Graham Lindsey, Chris Mason and a cool nutmeg by Tom Dunford condemned the Planemakers to a 3-2 defeat, allowing Bemerton to replace them at the summit with a 2-1 win at Fareham.

Winchester also leapfrogged Hamble into second place by virtue of a superior goal difference.

The match was played in relentless rain at Folland Park, but that didn't worry debutant White who has joined City following a stint playing professionally in Queensland, Australia.

Winchester received international clearance for the Harefield lad on the morning of the match and, within ten minutes, he had had three chances, one of them hitting the post.

Hamble's cause wasn't helped when Rory Williams was red-carded just before half-time for an alleged elbow on former Eastleigh midfielder Mason.

Nervy finale

Winchester were 2-1 up at the time and stretched their lead when Dunford struck after the break.

The ten-man Planemakers kept battling, however, and pulled one back when Ashley Jarvis – who had set up Hamble's first for Dougie Rowe - slotted in Richard Gregory's cross to set up a nervy finale.

Winchester manager Guy Butters was pleased with how his side conducted themselves against an organised Hamble.

"Sometimes playing against ten men is harder than 11. They worked hard, but we were just too good for them," he said.

"At times we played some of our best stuff and Jamie White had a fantastic game. When he's fully match sharp he will frighten every defence.

"Graham Lindsey will always get you goals and I thought Chris Mason was fantastic."

At 2-1 the game was still up for grabs with Jarvis managing to worm his way through and force City keeper Ryan Gosney into a great save.

Jon Webb in the Hamble goal denied Dunford, Lindsey, Mason and White as Winchester sought to further punish the ten men.

Hard done by

But Gosney was also busy after the break, diving bravely at Jamie Musselwhite's feet to deny the ex-Winchester target man a certain goal.

Hamble manager Danny Bowers thought his side were hard done by.

"We hit the woodwork and should have scored at the end, but that's football. Winchester's first goal was offside and the linesman admitted it. I feel let down tonight," he said. "I couldn't fault my players, playing 55 minutes with ten men. We deserved more."

To cap a frustrating night for the Planemakers, experienced midfielder Lloyd Webber could be out for four weeks following a nasty clash of heads with City's James Embree.

Non-league News

Week to forget

IT'S not been the best of week's for Fareham Town's Rob Stock.

The defender was sent off for a second bookable offence in the dying minutes of Tuesday's 2-1 home defeat by new Sydenhams Premier leaders Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

The club later reported that Stock had gone to Portsmouth's Queen Alexandra Hospital suffering from internal bleeding in his thigh – a condition known as compartment syndrome.

In the meantime, Town have boosted their ranks by welcoming imposing centre half Mitch Goldring back to Cams Alders on loan from Eastleigh.

Fareham suffered another defeat on Wednesday, losing 4-2 after extra time to Southern League neighbours Gosport Borough in the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

But Town did remarkably well considering six of their players were under-16 regulars, three were under-18 regulars and eight have featured for one of Fareham's Sunday under-18 sides.

Jack Crook (penalty) and Phil Berry got the Reds' goals.

Assistant manager Tony Kessack said: "We are immensely proud of the lads. They couldn't have done any more. The decision to go down the youth route continues to be proved right after tonight."

WESSEX LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT IN THE ECHO EVERY TUESDAY

Non-league Football

Non-league News

No, not the Prime Minister!

EVO-STIK South & West outfit Thatcham Town have welcomed David Cameron to Waterside Park.

Not the Prime Minister, but a 24-year-old striker/right-sided player who spent two years with Leeds United.

Currently playing football for the Army, Cameron has settled in the Berkshire area.

He has represented Northern Ireland Schoolboys and trialed for Manchester City, Blackburn and Wolves. He played in the Milk Cup with County Antrim alongside the likes of Manchester United's Jonny Evans and Darron Gibson.

Thatcham's Gary Cook said: "We are glad he chose Thatcham over any of the other local clubs. Obviously the message of how good our set-up is is getting out there."

Cain able

BLUE Square Bet South outfit Salisbury City this week appointed a new commercial manager.

Geoff Cain is no stranger at Old Sarum. He has worked for both the club and supporters' club and taken on match day PA duties.

To find out more about sponsorship opportunities at Salisbury – including corporate boxes, match day hospitality and player sponsorship – contact Cain on 01722 776655 or at geoff.cain@salisburycity-fc.co.uk

New trio

ANDOVER New Street have made three new additions to their Sydenhams Division One squad – Matt Styles from Laverstock & Ford, Simon Nelson from Downton and Eric Kusi from Farnborough.

All three new Foxcotte Park faces played a part in New Street's 2-2 home draw with Petersfield last Saturday.

The club will be hosting a charity firework night on October 8.

We did well

MONEYFIELDS took the lead through Jake Slater in Tuesday's FA Cup first qualifying round replay against Godalming Town at Dover Road.

But Miles Rutherford's young side were eventually beaten 3-1 by the Ryman Division One South visitors, missing out on a home tie against Worcester City in the next round.

"We've got a young side here who have competed well over the two games," said Rutherford.

Fallon puts his shirt on AFC Totton

AFC TOTTON are sporting a new name on their shirts this season.

After a decade with Linden Homes as main shirt sponsors, the Stags have welcomed Beaumont Water Heaters on board for this their 125th anniversary campaign.

Beaumont's managing director Jim Fallon is a self-confessed football fanatic and has corporate boxes at St Mary's, Old Trafford and Celtic Park.

He is also a dedicated grass roots man and sponsors Winsor United's under-9s and Romsey Youth's under-12s.

Now he has come forward to make an undisclosed donation to the Stags in their history-making season.

In return for his generous donation – and in the absence of a current shirt sponsor – the Stags will proudly sport the Beaumont logo on their shirts as they continue their incredible start to life as a Southern League Premier Division club.

"This is a slightly unusual deal to have an individual making the club such a generous donation," said Totton chairman Phil Shephard. "We thought it was only right that we should show our appreciation in some way. And what better way than to put James's company logo onto our white retro shirts for this season!

"James has already been to two games and we hope to see him on a regular basis.

"But, given the fact he has plenty of football options open to him - from watching Champions League games at Old Trafford and Saints at St Mary's to local Tyro League matches - we will just be pleased to see him when he takes in one of our games."

Fallon, who has three homes in Fordingbridge, County Galway and Dumfries, feels Totton are a refreshing club to be involved with.

"All the employees at our Landford factory are Totton residents and it's a real community football club," he said.

"What I like about Totton is that it's a proper family club without all the suits and egos. It's about creating football for the community at every step of the ladder.

"We've got an option to remain as shirt sponsors for a second and third year and we'll try and help out if they need a few quid for something."

PUT YOUR SHIRT ON TOTTON: Jim Fallon, right, with Stags chairman Phil Shephard.

IAN BAIRD

FORMER Eastleigh boss Paul Doswell is tipping his old club to haul themselves out of trouble in the Blue Square Bet South – just as long as Ian Baird is allowed to manage his own way.

Although Doswell's Sutton United got the better of Eastleigh 2-0 at Gander Green Lane on Tuesday, he felt the Hampshire visitors played "particularly well."

Compton-based Doswell is unconvinced by constant references to the youthfulness of Eastleigh's side. Nevertheless he feels they have done a decent rebuilding job after losing experienced campaigners like Anthony Riviere and Tony Taggart – both now Sutton players – during the summer.

"Credit to Eastleigh, I thought they played particularly well. It

Wendy Gee
wendy.gee@dailyecho.co.uk
NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

must have been their finest performance of the season," he said.

"They put the ball in good areas and we had to dig deep – although, that said, we had two or three unbelievable chances to get a third goal. Sam Page missed from three yards from a cross by Taggart.

"But we knew we'd been in a tough game, that's for sure.

Right man for the job

"Eastleigh changed their tactics from Saturday and we weren't allowed to play as we wanted to."

Despite Eastleigh's current struggles, Doswell, the man who piloted the Spitfires on their impressive rise from the Wessex League to the Conference South,

believes Baird r
man for the job.
"If Ian is allov
he wants to, wit
they will get ou
said.
"I'm sure if E
eleven who playe
will shoot up
quickly.
"You could see
the side.
"They had ex
and they've br
Shaun Wilkinso
"Yes, they had
ones, but so
Beautyman in t
park is only 18.
"But credit t
he's got the East
ing for him.
"If he is allowe
way, they will be
they are.
"No one loca

EASTLEIGH & DISTRICT MINI LEAGUE COVERAGE – TURN T

Non-league Football

leigh can avoid the drop ... if Bairdy is left to do his way!

remains the right
wed to manage as
hout interference,
ut of trouble," he

Castleigh keep the
ed against us, they
the league very

Ian's influence on

xperience in there
ought in 'young'
n (aged 30) too!
a couple of young
did we. Harry
the centre of the

to Bairdy for how
leigh players play-

ed to do the job his
e fine – and I hope

ally wants to see

them go out of this league."

Taggart, who bagged his first goal for Sutton on Tuesday, feels Doswell's rotation policy is an added incentive for him.

The winger, who left the Silverlake Stadium for the Us during the summer, said: "A few of my performances have not been my best, but knowing there are players to come on makes you pick up your game.

"You always love to get a goal against your old team. It would have been disappointing to follow up Saturday's 3-0 win at Truro with a defeat and, in many ways, this was a better win given the travelling we did at the weekend

"I hope it carries on and we push for promotion."

PAUL DOSWELL

TO PAGES 34 AND 35

Blackfield team cut in half

BLACKFIELD & Langley's managerial team was cut in half last week following the double departure of Glenn Burnett and John McFarlane.

Ex-Romsey boss Burnett – unveiled this week as New Milton Town's new manager - joined the Gang Warily ranks as right-hand man to Louis Bell during the summer and took his former Bypass Ground statistics man McFarlane with him.

But when manager Burnett was supposedly left in charge of the side while Bell was on holiday last month, there were rumours doing the rounds that team selection had been taken out of his hands.

Blackfield suffered some poor results in the interim and it wasn't until Bell returned that things picked up again with a 3-1 FA Cup win at Winchester City.

"I got the message that Glenn had left the club when I turned up for training on Thursday last week," said Bell.

"I think he thought he was going to get more control over running the side than he did.

"I like Glenn, he's been terrific for Blackfield. He's got great enthusiasm and he brought in some excellent signings like Darren Curtis and Paul Preston, but maybe it all got a bit political.

"We got beaten by Newport and Fareham while I was away and that was beyond Glenn's control.

"I came back for the Winchester game and we've been on a decent run."

For his own part, Bell is happy to work closely with Blackfield's director of football Sam Davies.

"I do sit down with Sam to talk about the team," he said.

"Sam's been a big influence this year and we discuss the side on a Thursday night after training.

"Me and Sam get on terrific. He's obviously got an opinion on football and we see eye to eye on most things.

"No two people ever agree 100 per cent of the time, but that's football.

"Sam's quite knowledgeable and we've got a good working relationship."

Bell will certainly take the credit for Tuesday's thrilling 5-4 victory over Romsey Town at Gang Warily.

Having gone 3-1 up through Manny Soetan (2) and Warren Hunt, the Watersiders were pulled back to 3-3 at the break and they looked to be in trouble when Soetan picked up a second yellow early in the second half.

In a brave move, Bell replaced striker Ben'yela Ngwa with new signing Louis Castles and the former Portsmouth, Havant and Bognor left winger had a big say in inspiring the ten men to victory with further goals from Hunt and Paul Preston. "Louis came on and terrorised them. He changed the game," said Bell. "I earned my corn with that decision!"

Simon De'Ath (3) and Chris Hall scored for Romsey.

GLENN BURNETT

Linnets put faith in Burnett

GLENN Burnett has been tasked with helping preserve New Milton Town's top-flight status in the Wessex League after being appointed manager at Fawcett's Field.

Burnett replaces joint bosses Steve May and Darran Atkins whose brief reign at the club ended last Saturday following a sixth successive league defeat, ***writes IAN WADLEY.***

New Milton, who narrowly avoided relegation last season, are currently three points adrift at the foot of the Premier Division table having conceded 27 league goals.

Burnett has experience of operating on a shoestring budget having enjoyed a couple of fruitful seasons as manager at Romsey Town. He recently left Blackfield & Langley where he had been assisting boss Louis Bell.

Linnets secretary Richie Phippard said: "We are thrilled with the appointment.

"Glenn has a good pedigree and did great things in this league with Romsey.

"He had next to nothing in the way of a budget and got them in the top ten on two occasions.

"Hopefully, and with the amount of time left in the season, he will be able to turn things round here."

Fell into place

Long-serving club official Phippard, who was assistant manager to Ian Robinson during Linnets' days in the Southern and Isthmian leagues, revealed Burnett's appointment had come about by chance.

"It fell into place really nicely," he said. "I asked Matt Richbell, the league's press officer, to put something in the weekly bulletin saying we were on the lookout for a new manager.

"Not long after, Glenn phoned him to say he had left Blackfield & Langley and Matt told him the New Milton job was up for grabs. We met Glenn on Monday and he wanted it straight away."

Out-going co-manager May, who cited a small budget as one of the major difficulties of his reign, insisted he had no sour grapes and wished the club all the best.

But he added that he felt "very let down" by some of the senior players and "disappointed" with how things had turned out.

Phippard said: "I would like to thank Steve and Darran for what they did.

"When we employed them, we felt they were the best applicants for the job with the best to offer but, unfortunately, it hasn't worked out how we, and probably they, would have hoped."

Youth Football

Hampshire FA
Saturday Senior Cup Round 1: Alton Town 1 New Milton Town 2, Moneyfields 0 Totton & Eling 2, Hartley Wintney 7 Team Solent 2, Fareham Town 4 Fawley 1, Romsey Town 7 Cowes Sports 3, AFC Portchester 5 Newport IOW 3, US Portsmouth 2 Stockbridge 3, Christchurch 3 Eversley 2, Brading Town 1 Rozel Rovers 2, Brockenhurst 0 East Cowes Victoria 2, Hythe & Dibden 2 Fleet Spurs 0, Alresford Town 2 Hayling United 0, Andover New Street 0 Cove 2, Horndean 2 GE Hamble 1, Tadley Calleva 1 Blackfield & Langley 5.
Round 2: Basingstoke Town v Hartley Wintney (Oct 11), New Milton Town v East Cowes Victoria (Oct 4), Blackfield & Langley v Horndean (Oct 4), Bashley v Bournemouth (Oct 4), Havant & Waterlooville w/o Andover, AFC Totton v Cove (Oct 11), Stockbridge v Winchester City (Oct 4), Hythe & Dibden v Christchurch (Oct 4), Aldershot Town v Eastleigh (Oct 11), Farnborough v Fleet Town (Oct 12), Totton & Eling v Gosport Borough (Oct 11), Fareham Town v Alresford Town (Oct 4), Whitchurch United v Ringwood Town (Oct 4), Romsey Town v Rozel Rovers (Oct 4), AFC Portchester v Lymington Town (Oct 4), Petersfield Town v Sholing (Oct 11).
Under 11 Cup Round 1: East Lodge Mustangs 0 Rushmoor Saints 20, Stubbington Ravens 0 Curley Park Rangers Vikings 9, Shooters 25 Whiteley Wanderers 0, Braishfield w/o University of Portsmouth, Bishops Waltham Dynamos Sports Club w/o Alton Utd Ospreys, Whitchurch Utd 2 Warsash Wasps 5, Fleet Spurs Flames w/o Waltham Wolves Thunder, Hawley Raiders 12 Littleton 0, Camberley Town 3 East Lodge Hurricanes 2, Petersfield Town Lions 1 Hawley Colts 5, Manor Colts White 4 Crofton Saints Tigers 5, Wey Valley Mustangs 0 Wey Valley Warriors 19, AFC Portchester 1 Junior Shots Blues 6, Petersfield Tigers 17 Hatch Warren 1.
Round 2 (Oct 8): Crookham Rovers v Liphook United Wildcats, Locksheath Lions v Waltham Wolves Tornadoes, Curley Park Rangers Vikings v Crofton Saints Lions, Rushmoor Community Colts v Crofton Saints Panthers, Rushmoor Saints NEHYL v Hook United, Fleet Spurs Lightning v CK Andover, Warsash Wasps w/o Petersfield Town Devils, Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Petersfield Town Tigers, Littleton Juniors v Hawley Raiders, Fareham Town v Fleet Spurs Flames, Camberley Town v Waltham Wolves Lightning, Junior Shots Reds v Wey Valley Warriors, Crofton Saints Tigers v Manor Colts Black, Shooters v Fleet Spurs Sparks, Braishfield v Junior Shots Blues, Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Hawley Colts.
Under 13 Cup Round 1: Havant & Waterlooville 0 Littleton Juniors 9, CK Andover w/o Farnborough Real, Hawley Raiders 9 Hatch Warren 0, Gosport 3 Locksheath Lions 7, AFC Portchester Royals 1 AFC Portchester Castles 5, Camberley Town Raiders 3 Fordingbridge Town 1, Farnborough Blades 4 Bishops Waltham Dynamos 1, Junior Shots 9 Whiteley Wanderers 1, Waltham Wolves Red 0 AFC Portchester 5.
Round 2 (Oct 8): Hatch Warren v AFC Portchester, Farnborough Blades v CSA 07, Crofton Saints Lions v Waltham Wolves, Waltham Wolves v Clanfield, Fareham Park Utd v Crofton Saints Tigers, Ranvilles Rangers v CK Andover, Littleton Juniors U13 v Littleton Juniors U12, Gosport Borough Mid Solent YF v Winchester Youth, Worthys v Hythe & Dibden Jets, Pompey Pirates v Hawley Raiders, AFC Portchester Castles w/o Bishops Waltham Dynamos U12, Shipton Bellinger Rams v Fleet Spurs Blues, Salisbury City v Locksheath Lions, Littleton Juniors (Jim) v Warsash Wasps, Havant & W v Camberley Raiders, Stubbington v Junior Shots.
Under 15 Cup Round 1: Fleet Spurs Boca w/o Liss Lightenings, Whiteley W Eagles 8 Littleton Juniors 2, Locksheath Lions w/o Fleet Spurs Blues, Whitchurch United 1 Whiteley Wanderers 4, Bishops Waltham Dynamos 3 Gosport 8, Gosport Borough Mid Solent 2 Shooters 5, Basing Rovers w/o Eastney Pythons, Winchester City w/o US Portsmouth, Compton 15 AFC Portchester 1, CK Andover 0 Fareham Town MSYFL 24, Stockbridge 4 Warsash Wasps 3.
Round 2 (Oct 8): Fleet Spurs Boca v Hillcrest, Locksheath Lions v Horndean Hawks, Fareham Town w/o Sholing, Solent v Basingstoke Town Colts, Andover New Street v Bishops W Dynamos, Compton w/o AFC Dynamo, Down Grange v Crofton Saints, Fleet Spurs Porto v AFC Dynamo, Lee Filters v Stockbridge, Warsash Wasps v Littleton Juniors, Whiteley Wanderers Eagles v Gosport, Shooters v Winchester City, Whiteley Wanderers Falcons v Fareham Town, Whiteley Wanderers v Basing Rovers, Bishops W Dynamos w/o Whitchurch, Worthys v Waltham Wolves Spitfires.

Hampshire FA Sunday
Under 11 Cup Round 1: St Francis Rovers 2 Newport Colts 0, Sportstars 12 Granley Stoneham Blue 1, Grange Athletic 0 Burton 10, Winsor Green 0 Winklebury Wizards 15, East Lodge Hurricanes 4 Pickwick Tigers 9, St Francis Rangers w/o Junior Shots Blues, Widbrook United Hurricanes 1 Newport St Georges 11, Sholing White 16 Hythe & Dibden Phoenix 1, Greenfields 3 Wolversdene 0, Eastleigh White 0 Colden Common Rovers 2, Sholing Red 8 Chineham Tigers 0, Binstead 1 BSS Portsmouth 4, Alresford Town 5 Basingstoke Town Colts 1, Berg w/o St Deny's, City Central w/o Cove, Winchester 2 Warsash 12, Romsey Town Cougars 1 Hayling 10, Fawley Falcons 1 Ice 4, Bransgore 0 Gosport Borough Pumas 12, Baddesley Park 10 Boscombe Albion 0, Merley Cobham Sports w/o Marchwood Rangers, Romsey Town Panthers 3 Hurstwood Rangers Milan 1, Clanfield 2 East Lodge Mustang 1, Poole Town Wessex 2 Sherborne St Johns 0, Redhill Rangers 3 Granley Stoneham Red 2, QK Southampton 0 Hurstwood Rangers Inter 6, Townhill Lingland w/o Chamberlayne Athletic, East Cowes 3 Oakley 2, Basingstoke Town Knights 11 S&D 1, Gosport Borough Tigers 0 Gosport Arrows 9, Bournemouth Sports 0 MFC Popley Dynamos 5, Widbrook United Tornados 0 Salisbury City 19, Bournemouth Electric w/o Christchurch, Gurnard Galaxy w/o Shanklin, Pace 6 Colden Common Royals 0, Hedge End Rangers Blue 2 Purbrook Athletic 1, Colden Common Rangers 1 Cowplain 14, Sway 0 Fleet Town Tigers 13, Fareham Town w/o AFC Hiltingbury, Hamble United 0 Hedge End Rangers White 7, CSA 07 Compton 0 Grange Athletic 6, Thatcham Tornadoes w/o Eastleigh Juniors Red, Michelmersh & Timsbury 2 Andover 7.
Round 2 (Oct 9): Denmead v Basingstoke Town Colts, Oakwood Hawks v Loddon Sports, Colden Common Rovers v Ringwood Town, Fleet Town Leopards v Winsor Red, Pickwick Pumas v Andover, Hordle Spurs v Hythe & Dibden Legends, Havant & W v Woolton Hill Argyle, Oakwood Panthers v Berg, Oakfield v St Francis Rovers, Warsash v New Milton Eagles, US Portsmouth v Poole Town Wessex, Oakwood Eagles v Hayling United, Andover New Street v Newport St Georges, Merley Cobham Sports w/o Andover New Street Swifts, Sandown & Lake v East Cowes Sunday, Pickwick Panthers v Townhill Lingland, Moneyfields v Grange Athletic, Redhill R v Hurstwood Inter, Salisbury City v Bournemouth Electric, Hedge End R White v MFC Popley Dynamos, Pace v City Central, Sholing White v Fareham Town, Gurnard Galaxy v Fleet Town Colts Tigers, Pickwick Tigers v Thatcham Tornadoes, Gosport Borough Pumas v Burton, St Francis Rangers v Alresford Town, Ice Sports v Winklebury, Hedge End RBlue v Baddesley Park, Gosport Arrows v Sholing Red, Romsey Town Panthers v Clanfield, Cowplain v BSS Portsmouth, Sportstars v Greenfields.
Under 12 Cup Round 1: Pickwick Lions 3 East Lodge 2, Oakley 0 Winchester 4, Botley Village 5 Bournemouth Poppies 1, Hythe & Dibden Hovers 6 Redhill Rangers 0, Wyvern 1 Andover New Street 13, AFC Hiltingbury Hawks 0 Pace Cougars 3, Romsey Town Panthers 3 Hook Utd 8, Hedge End Rangers Blue 3 Petersfield Town 6, Pompey Pirates 15 Fawley Falcons 1, Ash United 3 Gosport Borough Puma 3 (Gosport won 4-3 penalties), Paulsgrove 2 Hythe & Dibden Turbos 6, Purbrook Athletic 23 Denmead 1, Eastleigh Juniors Red 3 Down Grange 1, Stoke Park United 1 Testwood Utd 7, Ice Sports 2 Berg 0, Aldershot Boys & Girls Alligators 3 Pickwick Tigers 1, Romsey Town Cougars 3 Townhill Lingland 0, Newport St Georges 0 Greenfields 6, Gosport Bullets 2 Littleton Juniors 3, Liss Athletic Firebolts 0 Merley Cobham Sports 5, Cove 0 Oaklands Rangers 14, Vics 19 East Cowes Sunday 0, Pickwick Lions 12 Downside 0, Liphook United Knights 5 Colden Common Rangers 1, Loddon Sports 9 S&D 2, Gosport Arrows 5 Hamble United 1, Farnborough Flames 1 Fleet Spurs Meteors 2, City Central 13 Crookham Rovers 0, Waterlooville Boys 2 Wimborne Town 2 (Waterlooville Boys win 3-2 penalties), Warsash Wasps 13 Baddesley Park Knights 0, Sherborne St Johns 7 Gosport Falcons 4, Chineham Tigers 0 Sholing 9, Shanklin 9 Highcliffe Hawks 1, Hatch Warren Phoenix 7 Curley Park Rangers Sabres 1, Fleet Spurs Comets 0 Solent United 8, Kingsclere 5 Chamberlayne 2, Clanfield 3 Sarisbury Amber 4, AFC Hiltingbury Harriers 0 Bournemouth Electric 13, Andover 3 Moordown Athletic 4, Bournemouth Sports 4 Branksome United 5, New Milton Eagles 1 Oakwood Lions 4, Wimbledon Park Tigers 2 Eastleigh White 1, AFC Hiltingbury Hurricanes 2 Granley Stoneham 5, Gurnard Eagles 0 Branksome United 17, Wolversdene 1 St Francis Knights 3, Tadley Calleva v Brading Town (late result), Clanfield 0 Baddesley Park Crusade 9, Brendon 0 Fleur De Lys (England) 5, Sandown & Lake w/o St Deny's, Salisbury City 4 Weston Sports 1, Basingstoke Town Colts 1 Grange Athletic 8, Havant & Waterlooville 13 Christchurch 0, Kings Park Dynamos 1 Moneyfields 16, Manor Colts Black 8 Petersfield Town 0, Oakfield 4 Sky Blues 1, Horndean 8 New Milton Town Robins 0, Overton 4 Hedge End Rangers White 1, Widbrook United 6 Petersfield Town 2.
Round 2 (Oct 9): Pompey Pirates v St Francis Knights, Pickwick Lions v Merley Cobham Sports, Hythe & Dibden Hovers v Kingsclere, Gosport Borough Pumas v Hatch Warren Phoenix, Aldershot Boys & Girls Alligators v Botley Village, Andover New Street v Eastleigh Red, Fleet Spurs Meteors v Petersfield Town, Purbrook Athletic w/o Pace Pumas, Sportstars v Sholing, Salisbury City v Pace Cougars, Oakwood Lions v Romsey Cougars, Vics v Greenfields, Winchester (David) v Widbrook United, Warsash Wasps v Sherborne St Johns, Sandown & Lake v Overton, Moneyfields v Manor Colts Black, Littleton v Hythe & Dibden Turbos, Loddon Sports v Oaklands Rangers, MFC Popley Gunners v QK Soton, Sarisbury Sparks Amber v Liphook Utd Knights, Waterlooville Boys v Wimbledon Park Tigers, Winchester (Simon) v Testwood Utd, Branksome Utd v Tadley Calleva or Brading Town Colts, Ice Sports v Pickwick Lions, Horndean v Oakfield, Fleur De Lys (England) v Bournemouth Electric, Baddesley Park Crusaders v Shanklin, Grange v Hurstwood, Solent Utd v Hook Utd, Gosport Arrows v City Central, Branksome Utd v Moordown Athletic, Havant & W v Granley Stoneham.
Under 13 Cup Round 1: Wey Valley Knights 3 Netley Royals 11, AFC Redbridge w/o Grayshott, East Cowes 0 Petersfield Town 5, Winchester (Drew) w/o Solent Utd, Hook Utd w/o Sherborne St Johns, Sportstars 5 Fleet Town Colts 0, Merley Cobham Sports 0 Salisbury City 11, Havant & Waterlooville 7 Denmead 0, Andover 3 Hordle Spurs 1, Gosport Bullets 1 Shanklin 2, AFC Hiltingbury Hornets 1 Liphook Utd 5, St Deny's w/o

County squad's getting ready

HAMPSHIRE Under-16s have two early season warm-up matches against Charterhouse and Winchester College in advance of their ESFA Inter-County Trophy tie in Essex.

They visit Charterhouse next Thursday and on Tuesday October 4 play Winchester College, with county team selectors planning to run the rule over 25 or so prospective players.

Hampshire squads:

v Charterhouse

Callum Buckley, Kieran Chalmers, Tom Coffey, Jake Curtiss, Chris Dewey, Adam Drodge, Bradley Fountain, Lucas Jessal, Liam Kelly, Sam Kirkwood, Callum Lombard, Jon Male, Zac Mouland, Dan Phillips, Jordan Price, Macca Smith, Jack White.

v Winchester

Max Allen, Toby Chester, Sam Hutchings, Elliott Roberts, Navroz Ayazi, Tom Coffey, Navarro Lyons, Jordan Salvage, Floyd Bedwell, Chris Dewey, Ben Ninnims, Dan Phillips, Brett Stanley, Lewis Fear, Sam Wolfenden.

Winch's reward

WINCHESTER College's reward for a 4-2 first round win over John Lyons (Harrow) is a daunting home tie against Shrewsbury in the Boodles IFSA Cup early next month.

ACTION: Above and below, Taunton's College and Havant do battle.
Daily Echo pics by Joanna Mann. Order numbers: 13175850/13175875

It's

Mike Vimpany's Colleges round-up

IT'S raining goals at Taunton's – 16 in the opening two Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League matches!

Taunton's followed up a 9-0 mauling of Basingstoke College of Technology with a 7-1 victory over Havant, who went four down in the first ten minutes.

Elliott Richards helped himself to a hat-trick before Alex Sawyer got the fourth.

Richards went on to score four, Sawyer a brace and Luke Roberts the seventh for rampant Taunton's, who have an upcoming home tie against Newbury in the ESFA Trophy first round.

It's all change at defending champions Itchen, who paraded eight first year students but still thumped Portsmouth 6-1 at Middle Road.

All but six of last year's all-conquering squad have now left Itchen, leaving Steve Perkins and James Taylor with the challenge of blending together a new team based largely around fresh talent.

The early signs are encouraging for the Bitterne-based college though, and they cruised to a comfortable win over their Portsmouth rivals.

Callum Oliver led the way with an excellent hat-trick and second year midfielder Andy Fricker also chipped in with a goal.

Itchen's opening goal of the new campaign was scored by a first year student, Izaac McLean, who slotted home from 15 yards having been played in by an excellent through ball from fellow debutant Matt Gray.

Another first year student, Ryan McDermott, completed the scoring with his first touch, having just been introduced as a substi-

GOT A YOUTH FOOTBALL STORY – E-MAIL IT TO US AT echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

Youth Football

raining goals

ACTION: A Havant striker takes a shot at goal in his side's clash with Tauntons, right, and, above, more action from the game.

Order numbers: 13175865/13175872

tute.

Held to a goalless draw by Peter Symond's in week one, Brockenhurst put four goals past South Downs in the first half and ran out 6-0 winners.

Jamie Kay, who caught the eye in midfield against PSC the previous week, opened the scoring with a magnificent left footed drive from 25 yards, which arrowed into the top left hand corner.

Further goals came from Nathan Saxby (2) and Jack Lovell before the break.

Saxby doubled his tally, scoring twice more after the break to complete the rout.

"We played some good football in spells, particularly in the first half, which, considering the number of first year students there are in the squad, was the biggest positive to take from the game," said Brock coach Graham Mills.

"South Downs were a little weaker than usual due to commitments in other competitions and the fact is it was their first game of the season, so the result does perhaps flatter us a little.

"Had South Downs had their strongest team possible out I think it would have been a lot closer game as they like to play football the way we do and always produce good, competitive teams."

Thrashed 9-1 in their opener against Farnborough, Barton Peveril stormed into a 2-0 interval lead against Sparsholt, but in the end had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

Chuck Dibigbo and Tom Ashton, with a spectacular shot from the half-way line, gave BP a two-goal cushion, which might have been extended had a potential third not been flagged offside.

The second half at Chestnut Avenue bristled with chances – Sparsholt pair Anietie Akpan and Staines Town product Toye Adejuyigbe taking theirs to give the Agricultural academy a deserved share of the spoils.

Alton have begun the season on a double winning note – with Dominic Perez prominent in the back-to-back successes against Portsmouth and Basingstoke.

He scored both the goals in the 2-0 win at Portsmouth, and struck another brace as BCOT were thrashed 5-1.

Jordan Osborne (2) and Hartley Wintney cricket ace Will Phillips also got on the scoresheet against Basingstoke.

It wasn't a happy day for Dorset pair Bournemouth and Poole Grammar.

Queen Mary's returned from their long haul trip to Bournemouth, with James Milford and Matt Goodenough scoring doubles in the 4-2 win, while a weakened Poole Grammar went down 2-0 to Peter Symond's, for whom George Short and Phil Kloppenborg were on target.

ON TARGET: Chukuma Dibigbo (left) and Tom Ashton (right), bottom picture, whose goals gave Barton Peveril a 2-0 interval lead in their clash with Sparsholt, while strikes from Toye Adejuyigbe (left) and Anietie Akpan (right), top picture, earned Sparsholt a point.

Wednesday's fixtures: Basingstoke v Havant, Brockenhurst v Barton Peveril, Poole Grammar v South Downs, Portsmouth v Farnborough, Queen Mary's v Peter Symonds, Sparsholt v Totton, Alton v Itchen.

Cove, Meon Milton Bileys 6 Romsey Town Panthers 1, Loddon Sports 2 Romsey Town Cougars 7, Wimborne Town 5 Oakley 1, Farnborough Eagles 2 Petersfield Town 3, Botley Village w/o Boscombe Albion, Greenfields 16 Baddesley Park 0, Chineham Tigers 11 New Milton Eagles 1, Pace Panthers 4 City Central 2, Travaux Cobras 1 Pickwick Lions 5, AFC Hiltingbury Hawks 2 Newport St Georges 5, Brendon 5 S&D 0, Hedge End Rangers Blue 7 US Portsmouth 5, Ringwod Town w/o Curley Park Rangers Vikings, Winchester (John) 2 Vics 0, Wey Valley Cardinals 1 Horndean 3, Binstead w/o Basingstoke Town Colts, Gosport Falcons Black 0 Pompey Pirates 2, Grange 10 Sandown & Lake 1, Alresford Tn 17 Fleet Spurs Cavaliers 0, Hawley Boys 6 Woolton Hill 0, Gosport Arrows 6 St Francis Rangers 1, Hedge End Rangers White 6 Hythe Strikers Hurricanes 0, Crookham Rovers Raiders 4 Bransgore 3, Redhill 0 Bournemouth Poppies 4, Townhill Lingland 6 Wyvern 0, BTC (Southampton) Nimrods 17 St Francis Rovers 0, Sway 2 Pirelli Pirates 9, Winsor Sports w/o Hamble Utd (Sheath), West Wight 0 Littleton 5, Fleet Spurs Stormers w/o Sky Blues, Hurstwood Rangers 0 Pace Pumas 24, Granley Stoneham 1 Testwood Utd 5, Michelmersh & Timsbury w/o Sportstars, Oakwood Tigers 7 Crookham Rovers Invaders 1, Cast le Utd 5 Tadley Calleva 3, Gosport Falcons Purple 4 Petersfield Town 1, Wimbledon Park Tigers 0 Warsash Wasps 9, Travaux Vipers w/o East Lodge, Colden Common Rangers 4 Branksome Utd 0, Camberley Town 5 Cowplain 1, Crofton Saints 4 AFC Portchester 2, Meon Milton Claridges 4 QK Southampton 4 (Meon won 5-4 penalties), Sarisbury Sparks Amber 1 Hayling Utd 5, Christchurch 10 Waterlooville Boys 4, Eastleigh 11 Hamble Utd 0, BSS Portsmouth 5 Down Grange 1, Oakfield w/o Pace Cougars, Highcliffe 9 MFC Popley Tornadoes 0, Hart Royals 2 Manor Colts Green 8, Sarisbury Black w/o Solent Utd Reds.

Round 2 (Oct 9): Bashley Southampton v Eastleigh, Petersfield Town v Whiteley Wanderers, Romsey Town Cougars v Meon Milton Bileys, Gosport Falcons Purple v BSS Portsmouth, Pompey Pirates v Hayling Utd, Greenfields v Botley Village, AFC Redbridge v Sarisbury Sparks Black, Newport St Georges v Pace Panthers, BTC (Southampton) Nimrods v Chineham Tigers, Wimborne Town v Winsor Sports, Alresford Town v Petersfield Town, Liphook Utd v Oakwood Tigers, Christchurch v Winchester (John), Meon Mileon Claridges v Andover, St Deny's v Travaux Vipers, Bournemouth Poppies v Crofton Saints, Manor Colts Green v Hedge End Rangers Blue, Hedge End Rangers White v Ringwood Town, Brendon v Fleet Spurs Stormers, Colden Common Rangers v Crookham Rovers Raiders, Testwood Utd v Gosport Arrows, Warsash Wasps v Netley Royals, Hawley Boys v Shanklin, Townhill Lingland v Camberley Town, Pirelli Pirates v Pace Pumas, Winchester (Drew) v Salisbury City, Castle Utd v Sportstars, Binstead v Hook Utd, Oakfield v Horndean, Grange Athletic v Pickwick Lions, Littleton v Havant & Waterlooville, Highcliffe Hawks v Michelmersh & Timsbury.

Under 14 Cup Round 1: Pace Pumas 0 Havant & Waterlooville 7, Petersfield Town Eagles 7 BTC (Southampton) 7 (BTC (Southampton) win 5-4 penalties), Bashley Southampton 3 AFC Portchester Royals 2, Newport St Georges 11 Pickwick Tigers 2, Moneyfields Lions 4 Chineham Tigers 0, Winchester 1 Oakfield Royals 1 (Winchester 5-4 penalties), Winsor Sports 1 Wyvern 5, Kings Park Dynamos 2 Meon Milton Kanu's 0, Bournemouth Electric 1 Hawley Raiders 4, Bournemouth Sports 31 Tadley Calleva 0, AFC Redbridge w/o City Central, Basingstoke Town 0 Brading Town Colts 1, Petersfield Tn w/o Manor Colts Vultures, Kempshott Kestrels 7 Horndean Hawks Raptors 3, Warsash Wasps w/o Solent Utd, Ringwood Town w/o Grayshott, BSS Portsmouth 0 AFC Wolves 7, Baddesley Park 6 Littleton 0, Boscombe Albion 1 Greenfields 2, Moordown Athletic w/o US Portsmouth, Andover 0 Royals Elite (Kevin) 9, Hedge End Rangers White 0 Royals Elite (Iain) 2, Curley Park Rangers 4 Pickwick Lions 2, Horndean Hawks Buzzards 10 Binstead 0, Redhill Rangers 8 Denmead 2, Branksome Utd w/o AFC Ashurst, Cove 3 Colden Common Rovers 2, AFC Portchester Castles w/o Hamble Utd, Sarisbury Sparks 2 Liphook Utd Lions 4, Sportstars w/o Hatch Warren, Bitterne Red w/o Romsey Town, Sandown & Lake 0 Ranvilles Rangers 9, Colden Common Rangers 0 Gosport 4, Hedge End Rangers Blue 6 S&D 2, Berg 3 Eastleigh White 6.

Round 2 (Oct 9): New Milton Tn Robins v Curley Park, Moneyfields Colts v Petersfield Tn, Oakley v Warsash Warriors, Sherborne St Johns v Moordown, Shanklin v Hythe Strikers, Gosport v US Portsmouth, AFC Hiltingbury v Newport St Georges, Overton v Highcliffe Hawks, Pace Cougars v Oakwood Terriers, Kings Park Dynamos v Alton Utd Magpies, Copnor North End v Ropley Nomads, Baddesley Park v New Milton Eagles, Bitterne Black v BTC (Southampton), Pace Panthers v Moneyfields Lions, Oakwood Raiders v Eastleigh White, Eastleigh Red v Bitterne Red, Hawley Raiders v Sholing, East Cowes v Down Grange, Royals Elite (Kevin) w/o Winklebury Wizards, Newchurch Colts v AFC Redbridge, Branksome Utd v Gurnard Warriors, Brading Town Colts v Hythe & Dibden Rangers, Manor Colts Vikings v Winchester, Greenfields v Wyvern, Royals Elite (Iain) v Bournemouth Sports, Kempshott Kestrels v AFC Portchester Castles, Warsash Wasps v Horndean Hawks Buzzards, AFC Wolves v Bashley Soton, Liphook Utd Lions v Ranvilles Rangers, Hedge End Rangers Blue v Ringwood Town, Redhill R v Sportstars, Havant & Waterlooville v Cove.

Under 15 Cup Round 1: Brendon 11 Tadley Calleva 3, Branksome Utd 2 Hordle Spurs 4, Castle Utd 1 Botley Village 2, Camberley Town 5 Romsey Town Panthers 0, East Lodge Hurricanes 6 Junior Shots 3, Pace Panthers 14 Meon Milton Mendes 0, St Deny's 3 Fleet Spurs 0, Wimborne Town 9 Wyvern Saints 0, AFC Trojans 1 US Portsmouth 3, Bournemouth Electric 2 Crookham Rovers Bulldogs 1, Bashley Southampton 9 Testwood Utd 1, Jubilee 8 Shanklin 3, Meon Milton Primus 0 Pace 14, Newchurch Colts w/o Vics, Gosport Borough Tigers 0 St Francis Rangers 6, Andover Colts 14 Pace Pumas 0, Petersfield Town Aces 4 Farnborough Warriors, Bournemouth Poppies 3 AFC Hiltingbury 1, Hedge End Rangers 3 Andover Alpha 5, Oakwood w/o Christchurch, Waterlooville Boys Kev 1 Curley Park Tigers 4, Petersfield Lions 6 Andover Bravo 5, AFC Portchester Royals 3 Wolversdene 3 (AFC Portchester win 5-4 penalties), Colden Common Rangers 2 Warsash Wasps 6, Netley Royals w/o Fareham Town, St Francis Knights 4 Bishops Waltham Dynamos 1, Hythe & Dibden Rangers 2 Crookham Rovers 1, Littleton 14 Farnborough Falcons 1, Sky Blues 11 Sherborne St Johns 6, Farnborough Blades 0 Moneyfields 13, US Portsmouth 0 Basingstoke Town Colts 1, Woolton Hill Argyle 5 Wyvern Dragons 2, Hartley Wintney w/o Horndean, Redhill Rangers 8 Bransgore 0, Aldershot Boys & Girls w/o Hatch Warren.

Round 2 (Oct 9): Netley Royals v Moneyfields, New Milton Town Robins v MFC Popley Scorpions, Kingsclere v Hordle Spurs, US Portsmouth v Warsash Wasps, Wimborne Town v Wimbledon Park Tigers, Jubilee 77 v Poole Town Wessex, Petersfield Aces v Oakwood, Havant & Waterlooville v Eastleigh, East Lodge Hurricanes v Camberley Town, Bournemouth Electric v Bashley Southampton, Compton v Sky Blues, Sarisbury Petersfield Town, Bournemouth Poppies v St Francis Rangers, St Deny's v Waterlooville Dave, Pace v Horndean Hawks Falcon, Granley Stoneham v East Lodge Mustang, Andover Colts v Basingstoke Town Colts, Baddesley Park v Andover Alpha, AFC Portchester Royals v Bitterne, Aldershot Boys & Girls Elite v Boscombe Albion, Brading Town Colts (Cook) v Clanfield, Gosport Borough Pumas v City Central, Botley Village v AFC Portchester Castles, Gosport Falcons v Hayling Utd, Darby Green and Potley Giants v Greenfields, Highcliffe Hawks v Littleton, Newchurch Colts v Oakley, Pace Panthers v Redhill Rangers, St Francis Knights v Newport St Georges, Hythe & Dibden Rangers v Woolton Hill Argyle, Aldershot Boys & Girls v Curley Park Tigers, Hartley Wintney v Brendon.

Under 16 Cup

Round 1: Chamberlayne Athletic 1 Royals Elite 5, Chineham Tigers w/o Brading Town Colts, Andover New Street 9 Burridge 1, Bournemouth Sports 5 Solent Utd 7, Oakmeadians Boys 0 Winchester City Red 9, Curley Park Rangers w/o Upham, Hythe & Dibden Predators 3 Petersfield Town 2, St Francis Knights 2 Warsash Wasps 1, US Portsmouth 13 Townhill Lingland 1, Sandown & Lake w/o East Lodge, Bournemouth Poppies 1 AFC Totton 2, Burton 5 CSA 07 Warriors 2.

Round 2 (Oct 9): AFC Totton v Denmead Cougars, Havant & Waterlooville v Sholing Whites, Romsey Town v Moneyfields, Botley Village w/o Hedge End Rangers, Kingsclere v Totton & Eling, Headley w/o City Central, Crookham Rovers Tigers v St Francis Knights, Rushmoor Community w/o Basingstoke Town Colts, Colden Common Sports v Kings Park Dynamos, AFC Stoneham w/o Solent United, Oakfield v Blackfield & Langley, Liphook Utd Warriors v Winchester City Red, Clanfield v Alton Utd Anfield, BTC (Southampton) Spartans v Highcliffe Hawks, Junior Shots v Eastleigh, Shanklin v BTC (Southampton) Stone, Camberley Town v Salisbury City, Branksome Utd v Winchester City Whites, AFC Portchester w/o Farnborough, Travaux v Royals Elite, Greenfields v Farnborough Development, Cherbourg w/o Winsor Sports, Burton v S&D, Wyvern v Solent Utd Blues, Ash Utd v Hordle Spurs, Sholing Reds w/o Winklebury Wizards, Bournemouth Sports v Pickwick Lions, Hythe & Dibden Predators v Colden Common Rangers, Christchurch v BSS Portsmouth (Match Postponed), BTC (Southampton) Athletic v Curley Park Rangers, Andover New Street v Chineham Tigers, US Portsmouth v Sandown & Lake.

Under 18 Cup Round 1: AFC Stoneham 3 Purbrook 1, Hedge End Rangers Alpha 1 Tadley Calleva 2, Copnor North End 12 AFC Hiltingbury 1, Michelmersh & Timsbury (Alan) 2 Petersfield Town 0, Horndean w/o City Central, Christchurch 5 Blackfield & Langley 2, Fareham Town 4 Fawley AFC 6, Bournemouth Poppies w/o Curley Park Rangers, Redhill Rangers w/o Otterbourne, Wey Valley Diamonds 3 Crofton Saints 2.

Round 2 (Oct 9): Sway v Wimborne Town, Bournemouth Poppies v Petersfield Town, Oakley v Redhill Rangers, Pickwick Lions v Muscliffe, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Hythe & Dibden, AFC Totton v Hayling Utd, Denmead v Salisbury City, Littleton v Horndean, Havant & Waterlooville v Liss Athletic, QK Southampton v Romsey Town, Solent Utd v Sky Blues, Bournemouth Sports Amber v Winchester Castle, Tadley Calleva v Wey Valley Diamonds, Newport St Georges v New Milton Town, Fleet Town Colts v BTC (Southampton), Eastleigh v Bournemouth Sports, Camberley Town v Burridge, Cowplain v Basingstoke Town Colts, AFC Stoneham v Alton Utd Harriers, Alresford Town v AFC Portchester, AFC Nelson v Clanfield, Colden Common Sports w/o Crookham Rovers, Gosport Borough v Sholing, Wyvern v Mytchett Athletic, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Horndean, Hook Utd v Crookham Rovers, Copnor North End v Baddesley Park, Alton Utd v Christchurch, AFC Stoneham v Fawley AFC, Moneyfields v New Forest Utd, Fareham Town v Ringwood Town, St Francis Rangers v Pickwick Tigers.

FOR THE LATEST SPORT NEWS VISIT: WWW.DAILYECHO.CO.UK

Something to sell?

Items under £100 sell for free

Earn extra cash!

Call: 023 8042 4999 Southern Daily Echo

online: dailyecho.co.uk/buyandsell

SAVE NOW ON A NEW BOILER

Class A Vaillant Ecotec *(WHICH magazine boiler of the year)*, fully fitted and equipped with digital programmer. FREE carbon monoxide detector and FREE system Power Flush (together worth £360) for systems ordered before 30th September 2011.
A typical installation costs **JUST £1,625 + VAT*** all inclusive and we give a **5-year guarantee on all parts.**

*Subject to our FREE survey

BSA REGAL heating and plumbing

AND KEEP ON SAVING

The Vaillant Ecotec boiler included in this offer is 92% efficient and will reduce your fuel bills—in many cases quite dramatically. It also produces hot water direct from the boiler on demand. Your hot water tank will be redundant and you will only heat the water you need when you need it

023 8036 6423
www.heatingmyhome.com

safe

SOLENT FOOT HEALTH

Mobile Foot Health Clinic

A fully qualified and insured Foot Health Practitioner (FHP), CRB checked & a registered member of the British Association of Foot Health Practitioners.
Treatments are caring and professional and conducted in the comfort of the patients own surroundings.
Solent Foot Health provides a range of foot treatments aimed at alleviating pain and increasing mobility and circulation.
Foot conditions treated include: Nail trimming and filing, Thickened and hard nails , Callus and dry skin, Corns, Verrucas & Warts, Ingrown and involuted nails, Cracked heels and Fungal infections.
We treat Diabetic feet and conduct diabetic assessment.

For appointments please call ***Amanda Kirton***
MCFHP MAFHP: 023 8055 1524 / 07896 074799

Solent Blind & Curtain Company Limited

Free surveys & quotations for all types of:

- Blinds
- Curtains
- Tracks & Poles
- Soft Furnishings
- Window Film
- Awnings
- Plantation Shutters

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

Up to 5 year guarantee on selected products

Tel: 02380 510333
Email: sales@solentblinds.co.uk
Web: www.solentblinds.co.uk

Please quote SB36

Unit 7 Stanton Ind Est, Mill Rd, Regents Park, Southampton, SO15 4JA

Lifelike & comfortable dentures from your local experts

Our services • New dentures • Copy dentures
Partial dentures • Repairs and relining

Did you know there is a specialist provider of high-quality lifelike dentures in Winchester? Direct Denture Care is dedicated to crafting the most natural-looking and comfortable dentures possible.

- We treat every patient as an individual
- No middleman -you deal direct with the person who creates your dentures
- Modern clinic - discreet free home visits available within a 15 mile drive from the clinic*

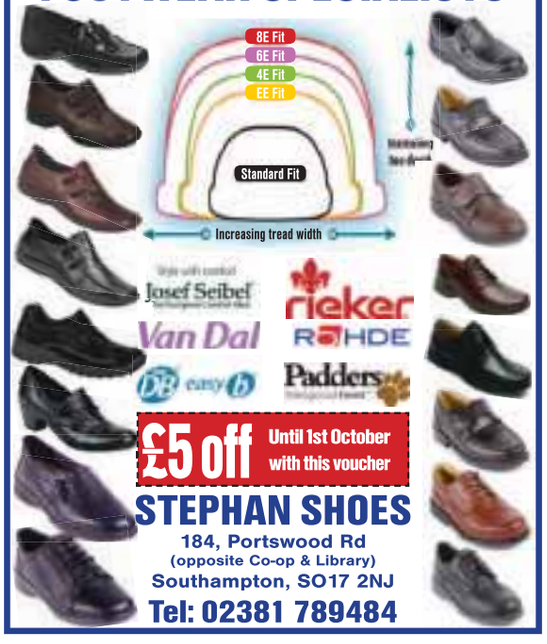
Free consultation!
For an appointment please call: 01962 864 655
Simply mention "Echo" when you book to get your first consultation FREE!

Direct Denture Care
23 Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 6RN
Tel: 01962 864 655 Email: lee@hampshiredentures.co.uk

* Mainland only

Hampshire's leading denture clinic
www.hampshiredentures.co.uk

EXTRA - WIDE FITTING FOOTWEAR SPECIALISTS



£5 off Until 1st October with this voucher

STEPHAN SHOES
184, Portswood Rd
(opposite Co-op & Library)
Southampton, SO17 2NJ
Tel: 02381 789484

GET A LIFE GET A JOB!

OUR NEW TEAM AT PETA WINCHESTER CAN HELP YOU NOW

We have three great options to choose from, so you are sure to fit one of them . . . check them out!

RIGHT Direction — YOUR ROUTE TO SUCCESS
Need a helping hand to build your confidence? Get to know others and develop your skills to take the next step. **No qualifications necessary!**

WORK READY
Get ready for work by developing skills, knowledge and attitudes that help you to stand out to employers. **No qualifications necessary!**

PRE APPRENTICESHIPS
Helping you get into an Apprenticeship!
Want an Apprenticeship and know what you want to do, but don't have an employer? - Then this will give you the skills needed and we work with you to find an employer to support a full Apprenticeship!

TO APPLY CALL NOW
01962 877933
PLEASE QUOTE: DETV01
enquire@peta.co.uk
www.peta.co.uk

PETA® Quality Training through Experience

GAS BOILER SERVICING

* Gas pressure and calculation check
* Performance and combustion efficiency check
* Inspect flue integrity
* Inspect and clean heat exchanger
* Inspect safety devices and consumer controls
* Inspect pipework and system
* Issue Gas Safe Certificate
* All for just **£57.60**

DON'T WAIT FOR WINTER GET SAVING NOW!

BSA REGAL heating and plumbing

ONLY £57.60 inc VAT

A full Annual Service carried out by our Gas Safe registered engineers. Price quoted is for gas boiler servicing in domestic properties within 10 miles of our West Quay headquarters.

023 8036 6423
www.heatingmyhome.com

safe 184142

POLARPLASTICS

PVC-u SPECIALISTS for:

- Windows
- Doors
- Conservatories
- Fascias
- Cladding
- Gutters
- Glass units
- Window repairs

• NO HARD SELL FAMILY BUSINESS
• 10 YEAR INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEE

OPEN 6 DAYS-A-WEEK • Mon to Sat

Telephone 023 8089 9611

www.polarplastics.co.uk
email: sales@polarplastics.co.uk

10 Holbury Precinct, Holbury Drove, Holbury, Southampton

FENSA

SALE

RUSCRETE SEPTEMBER SALE NOW ON

SANDSTONE PAVING, BLOCK PAVING, SLATE WALLING, COBBLES & MUCH MORE

Ruscrete

HURRY TO OUR
SOUTHAMPTON OR FAREHAM
BRANCH NOW

FOR THE FINAL DAYS OF OUR
GARDEN LANDSCAPING
SALE

Soton: 023 8086 5046 Fareham: 01329 840940

www.home-of-landscaping.co.uk

Non-league Football

Nursling ease into top spot

DREW SMITH LEAGUE

NURSLING moved to the top of the table after three unanswered second half goals earned a 3-0 win at Comrades in the only Premier Division match.

Netley CS won 5-0 at Hythe Aztecs in Senior 1 to defend their title, Jason Bunce with a brace.

In Junior 4 Harefield continued to take on all comers, with James Thompson scoring three in a 4-0 win at last season's arch rivals Chandler's Ford.

New Forest and Good Companions drew 1-1.

James Deeley's two strikes earned Upham a 5-2 win at Athletico Romsey.

In the basement division a dramatic late winner saw Coxford Jets edge Braishfeld Res 2-1.

Dan Porters double helped secure S G Sports a hard fought and entertaining 3-2 defeat of Mechanics.

One League Cup tie saw Chamberlayne thump Brigadier Gerard 6-1, with Lewis LeMesurier grabbing a hat-trick.

The Vets mostly played league action, with Dave Ashley scoring a 30-yard freekick to help champs Nursling to a 3-1 win over QK.

Redlynch edged a five-goal encounter with Colden Common 3-2 and Ali Walton hit a hat-trick as Old Tauntonians dumped out their hosts BTC 4-1.

Neither Sholing nor GE Aviation could break the deadlock.

In the B Division Locks Heath were held one each by Compton. Wildern and Stoneham equally shared eight goals and Pete Hibberd hit two in Bishops Waltham's 4-2 win at Northend. There were 2-1 wins for Hythe Aztecs at Albion and Langley Tavern home to Hedge End Rangers.

Plenty of goals in the C Division with Darren Goouch leading the way with four as Sporting BTC B won 5-1 at Langley Tavern B.

Dean Reid hit two as Royal Mail defeated Michelmersh by the same score. Baddesley Pk were 5-2 victors over Priory. Andy Whiting helped Redbridge OB defeat Langley Manor B 4-0 by hitting a brace.

Wellington make the step up

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FA CUP ROUND-UP

SDFA Junior B Cup holders FC Wellington looked impressive in their opening attempt at the A Cup after a 5-1 win at AFC Chandler's Ford.

Junior 1 side South City were beaten on pens by Infinity Res after a 1-1 draw.

Questmap trailed 2-0 at Q K soton A but rallied to win 4-2 with Nick Woodgate scoring twice.

Two Junior 1 sides had 6-0 victories – Park Sports defeating Wellow, with Ryan Longhurst scoring four, and Soton Energy hit Otterbourne A for six.

Other all Junior 1 ties were won 2-1 by Braishfield against AFC Grains, with Mark Beston scoring both for Braishfield. Compton also won 2-1 at Wombles through Ben Fielder and Taavi Uuamae. East Boldre triumphed 4-0 against Capital.

A Mitch Hopkin double fired Solent Saints through 2-0 versus Bricklayers. Scott Couzens scored the only goal for Riverside at Warsash Wasps.

Sean Browme put Hamble Utd ahead on 35 secs but despite his second goal his team fell 2-3 to Langley Manor.

Colin Goddard was Forest Tn Res' scorer in their 1-0 win at Compton Res. Inmar tasted victory 4-1 at AFC Gordons.

Junior A Cup Round 2: Veracity Vipers V Compton, East Boldre V FC Wellington, Langley Manor V Hedge End Rangers Res, Infinity Reserves V Forest Town Res, Southampton Energy V Solent Saints, Park Sports V Inmar, Cricketers (Eastleigh) V Riverside, Quest Map V Braishfield.

● In this season's B Cup Botley Village Res top scored with seven at Riverside Res, including pairs from Paul Rowland and Matt Sellen.

One behind were six shooters AFC Station, who won 6-0 at Mich & Tims A, Mike Hogg hit a treble in the process.

Bitterne Pk Hotel also trounced Horton Heath 6-0 with Colin Harbut on a pair.

Tom Worthington put Priory 2-0 up at Ampthill but three goals in ten minutes plus a fourth earned Ampthill Ath their most impressive win since joining the league.

Cricketers Fair Oak knocked out New Forest Res 2-0. John Dunn hit a brace as West Totton defeated Sporting Wessex 5-1. AFC Gulf Western continued their impressive start to the season with a 4-2 verdict over Botley Village A.

Round 2: AFC Gulf Western V Freemantle AFC, Ampthill Athletic V Bitterne Park Hotel, Chandlers Ford V Botley Village Res, Coxford Jets V Mechanics, Cricketers (Fair Oak) V Burridge Village, New Forest V AFC Station, Upham Res V Harefield. Bye: West Totton. Ties Play 15th Oct.

● There was just one tie in the SDFA Vets Cup with Sholing B pulling off a shock 3-2 win over Langley Manor, they now face Langley Tavern in Round 2.

Round 2: Albion Sports V Questmap, Baddesley Park V Redbridge Ob, BTC Southampton V Old Tauntonians, Compton V Royal Mail, Hedge End Rangers V Ge Aviation, Hythe Aztecs V Langley Manor "B", Langley Tavern "B" V Sporting BTC, Michelmersh & Timsbury V GE Aviation "B", Nursling V Northend United, QK Southampton V Sholing, Redlynch & W United V Locksheath, Sholing B V Langley Tavern A, Sporting BTC "B" V Colden Common, Wildern Ob V Bishops Wltham Dyn, Winchester Ob V R S Winchester, AFC Stoneham W/O Hamble Club Wdw. Ties Play 15th Oct.

BUSH TURN ON THE STYLE IN CUP ROUT

S&D SENIOR CUP

THE road to Saint Mary's began last weekend with some finely balanced ties and some shocks and a couple of thrashings, *writes ROD SUTHERLAND.*

Top scorers were Bush Hill who turned on the style after the break to crush Burridge AFC 10-1, Paul Wiltshire led the scoring with a treble while Terry Parker hit a brace.

Mich & Tims Reserves were on the wrong end of a 9-1 mauling at Mottisfont, while Bishopstoke WMC fell 7-0 at Q K Southampton.

Senior League new boys Hedge End Town and Thornhill HK led the shock results at their first attempts. Hedge End triumphed 3-1 at Hythe & Dibden Res, with a Steve Deacon double, and Thornhill HK sunk Hamble Club Res 4-2 courtesy of Lee Osborne, Jason Gibb, Nik Brown and Aaron Connolly.

Lyndhurst bowed out 3-0 to Colden Common and Cutbush were cut down to size 4-0 by Sporting BW.

London Airways edged BTC 2-1 courtesy of Adam Dodds and player manager Clem Lopez.

AFC Hiltingbury accounted for Infinity 4-1 with a brace from Will Lane.

Southampton University overcame Cadnam United 4-1 after the magpies were reduced to ten men, while White Horse were unseated 1-3 by Durley. Otterbourne squeezed out Upham 3-2.

Round 2: Afc Hiltingbury V Eastleigh Res, Afc Stoneham V Nursling, Bush Hill V Btc Soton Res, Colden Common V Afc Totton Res, Southampton University V Durley, Comrades V Forest Town, Sporting Bishops Waltham V Locksheath, Ge Hamble Res V Mottisfont, Hamble Club V Botley Village (2004), Thornhill Hk V Hythe Aztecs, Hedge End Rangers V Fawley Reserves, Hedge End Town V London Airways, Michelmersh & Timsbury V Qk Southampton, Netley Central Sports Res V Otterbourne, Sholing Res V Romsey Town Res, Totton & Eling Res V Durley Res. Ties Play 15th October.

SOUTHAMPTON CITY: Back row, left to right - Dean Walker, Pawel Burdzy, Lee Stevens, Ben Brunsdon, Simon Wlosek, Mark Haynes and Andy Catterson. Front: Roshan Ali, Keiran Shalloe, Nathan Somali, Vusi, Jasen Windibank and Aidy Andrews

INFINITY: Back row,left to right - James Doswell, Levi Mcmullan, Joel Walters, Liam Hindle, Anthony Gregory, Tom Henson. Front: Sodiq Shobande, Giac Stevens, Simon Tribe, Ross Borer, Dan Stickells, Matt Reeves.

FULL RESULTS ROUND-UP EVERY MONDAY IN *THE DAILY ECHO*

Non-league Football

United goals make all the difference

DIVISION FOUR pacesetters Bournemouth Sports netted through Andy Hewitt (pen), Matt Hicks and Grant Norman but Corfe Mullen United go back on top of the table on goal difference after upending them 4-3 thanks to Luke Burbidge, Luke Hancock, Sam Bell, and an own goal.

Shoulder of Mutton Reserves occupy third place after Terry Foote struck twice to subdue Boscombe Albion 5-0 with Luke Scrimshaw, Dean Lumber and Darren Millar adding one each.

SUNDAY PREMIER LEAGUE champions Branksome Con were firing on all cylinders when James Pinder, Liam McGlynn, and Martin Warren bagged a hat-trick apiece in their resounding 9-2 triumph over New Milton Town.

Con's arch rivals Branksome Railway lead the table on goal difference after Dan Manuel (2), Sam Purdy, Tom Willis and Sean Gallagher poleaxed TX United 5-0 and Premier League new boys Queens Park also have maximum points after their impressive 5-0 victory over West Moors SSC courtesy of Steve Haime, Andy Gagan, Martin da Silva and a couple of own goals.

Chris Burdon was the four-goal star when Christchurch Royals gave Dorset Lifts a 6-1 drubbing. Wayne Etherton and Chris Forbes were the other Royals scorers with Neil Bullen scoring the consolation goal for Lifts.

Ryan O'Reilly struck for Priory Quays but Queens Park Rovers produced a polished performance to emerge 4-1 winners with goals from Ben Wright, Robbie Harber, Adam Locke and Jake Ormond.

Springers take over on top of **DIVISION ONE** on goal difference after Jacob Harrop (2), Jamie Beale, Adam Richards and Sam Read ensured a 5-1 victory over Foresters Arms.

Harry's Bar go second after Dave Best (2), Paul Best, Travis Holland and Matthew Elford accounted for Bluewood Athletic 5-2 while Parley Sports got the better of Kavell 3-1 thanks to goals from Luke Connell (2) and Matt Newbery.

In the other Division One game, Bournemouth Athletic were 5-3 winners against Bournemouth Electric thanks to Will Brooks (2), Jamie Hales, Kieron Arif, and Shaun Brazier.

Tiegla Tiles move up to second place in **DIVISION TWO** after Matt Marchant and Richard Williams earned them a creditable 2-2 draw with top-of-the-table Lovitt.

Something had to give when two sides with perfect records went head to head in **DIVISION THREE**. Graeme Rose (2) and Paul Goodman gave LV a 3-1 half-time lead but Queens Park Rovers Reserves came back through Dave Martin, Steve Miles and Mike Barber to force a 3-3 draw.

Meanwhile, Stuart Davids rattled in four when Verwood SSC gave Boscombe Celtic a 9-1 larruping with Shaun Steer (2), Marc Crisp, Chris Thompson and Mitch Duke also on target.

Talbot Pub maintained their perfect start in **DIVISION FIVE** when they swept Magpies aside 6-2 with a Jake Lewis hat-trick and further goals from Lee Divine, Karl Harrington, and BenTucker.

Dean Hooper's last-minute winner gave Rockbourne the edge 4-3 against Strouden Sports, who were unable to capitalise on a three-goal lead. Mark Newton (2) and Robbie Tennant were the other Rockbourne scorers.

Kings Arms Wallisdown hold top spot in **DIVISION SIX** after Sacha Navarro (2), Nicky Gent, and Mark Beale ensured a 4-0 victory over DH Britannia.

John Massey led the way with a hat-trick when nearest rivals Kavell Reserves hammered AFC Burton Reserves 9-0 with Henry Sackey (2), Richard Brown, Ben Roberts, Alex Hanrahan and Gary Armstrong also on target.

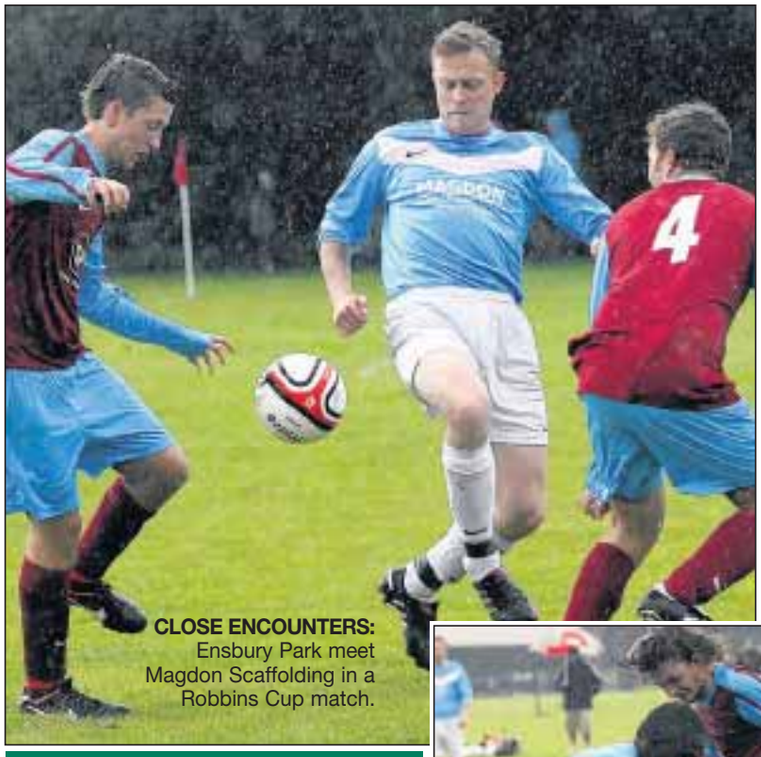
Vienna Windows Reserves take over on top of **DIVISION SEVEN** after Sean Smart, Ross Singleton and Dave Ventress clinched a 3-0 win over Priory Quays Reserves.

Rob Callaghan's five-goal blast proved decisive in Intellihouse's 8-3 triumph over AS Muscliffe with Adam Phillips, Mike Loder and Lee Sham adding one each.

AFC Bransgore are three points clear at the top of **DIVISION EIGHT** after ambushing A & T Athletic Reserves 5-1 with an Ashley Cooper hat-trick and a couple of goals from Ollie Galpin.

Kinson Con go second after Trevor Fisher (2), Matt Singleton (2), Shane Varney, Karl Wicks and Steve Mead sank Carling Sports Reserves 7-1.

Scott V opened up a three point lead at the top of **DIVISION NINE** after shading it 3-2 at West Mullen thanks to Sam Simcox, Gareth Wilson, and Tom Beaumont. Danny Styles' goals for Boscombe Celtic Reserves was to no avail when Kings Arms Athletic walloped them 6-2 through Dan Rankin and Wayne House's five goal blitz.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: Ensbury Park meet Magdon Scaffolding in a Robbins Cup match.

HAYWARD SUNDAY LEAGUE

HAYWARD SATURDAY LEAGUE

Wes ruffles the feathers of high fliers

DAN Pringle netted for Magpies but the DIVISION FOUR high fliers had their wings clipped when Wes Jones scored both goals in Queens Park Athletic Reserves' 2-1 success.

Ferndown Sports Reserves also bit the dust when Twynham Rangers surprised them 5-2 with goals from Ryan Bailey (2), Nick Burton, Dan Seymour and Aron Harris, which leaves new leaders BU Staff three points clear with maximum points after Tom Symons (2), Ben Cooper and Ricky Barton put paid to Napoleons 4-2.

HAYWARD SATURDAY PREMIER DIVISION leaders Hamworthy Recreation were held to a 0-0 draw at Redlynch & Woodfalls United and Portcastrian move up to second place after spanking Trinidad 5-0 through Ben Virabi (2), Robbie Woolner, Jon Winn and Kyle Chandler.

Ryan O'Reilly netted for Twynham Rangers in DIVISION ONE but Alderholt just got the better of them 2-1 thanks to Mark Desborough and Steve Davies.

Ferndown Town Greenfields led with first-half goals from Jeff Taylor and Jon Dawson but Bournemouth Electric Reserves preserved their unbeaten record when they came back after the break with goals from Ben Pegram and John Turle to force a 2-2 draw.

Westover Bournemouth Reserves go second in DIVISION TWO after Terry Colbourne, Grant Simeon and Muhammed Al Marstani ensured a 3-1 victory over Sway Reserves while Bournemouth Manor Reserves opened their points account when James Warburton and Darren Cooper gave them the edge 2-1 against Seyward Windows.

Bournemouth Electric A move up to third place in DIVISION THREE after Matty Ings (2), Steve Flynn and Matt Wallace upended Redlynch & Woodfalls United Reserves 4-2 while Downton Sports got off the mark when Luke Charity (2), Chris Jackson and Andy Savage gave them the upper hand 4-2 against Old Oakmeadians Reserves.

Allendale Reserves' perfect start in DIVISION FIVE came to an end when Richmond Park Con Reserves toppled them 2-0 with goals from Carl House and Sam Ellaway.

Meanwhile, at the other end of table, Rob Walter was the four-goal star when Bournemouth Manor A hauled themselves off the bottom with an impressive 5-1 triumph over previously unbeaten FC Bournemouth Reserves.

Ross Dominey led the way with a hat-trick when DIVISION SIX pacesetters Lower Parkstone CFC hammered Ferndown Town Greenfields Reserves 8-2 with Shaun Matthews (2), Chris Elkins (2) and Mike Gilyatt also on target.

EMAIL YOUR NON-LEAGUE PICTURES TO: echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

MEON VALLEY LEAGUE

Gregory's great day

IT was a weekend of Dave Blunt Memorial Cup action for all four divisions.

Division four hot-shots AFC Swood continued their good league form, seeing off division two side Alresford Athletic 5-3.

Danny Gregory belted four of the goals with James Gregory also netting. Camron Carter, James Burt and Paul Hodder replied.

Travaux are another unbeaten team this campaign, and they beat Waterlooville Social Club Reserves 3-1. Cameron Morgan bagged a brace with strike partner Ryan Jennings also netting. Dave Silvester replied with a penalty.

SDC defeated nine-man Milton Rovers 4-2 thanks to goals from Jack James (2) Ash Harbinson and Tom Phillips. Danny Thomas and Ryan White replied for Rovers, who had two men sent-off.

Curtis Sanderson netted a hat-trick as AFC Portchester pipped Waterlooville Rovers 5-4.

Steve Hughes scored twice for the winners with Kevin Over (2), Colin Marsh and Robert Sillence replying.

Nap hand for Jess

ALAN Jess hit five goals for Soberton United as they brushed aside Armoury 8-0 in the Dave Blunt Memorial Cup.

There was also a big win for Horndean United, 6-1 against Ocean City Barons thanks to goals from Dan Carter (2), Stewart Johnsen, Stuart Maunder, Alan Welch and Aaron Shann. Darren Farrell replied.

AFC Fareham defeated Horndean XI 2-1 with a Neil Barrett double strike.

Purbrook went down 4-2 to division two side Southwick Lions.

The division four outfit recovered from 2-0 down to level thanks to goals from Josh Sweetman and Liam Cobb.

But Southwick wrapped up the win late on, Josh Hibberd completing his hat-trick to add to Aaron Moule's earlier strike.

Cowplain bat Hedgeside 3-2 thanks to strikes from James Gurney (2) and Dave Snook.

Farlington thrashed

THERE was a big win for division one leaders Milton Rovers in the Dave Blunt Memorial Cup.

They caned Farlington Academicals 8-1 with goals from Calum Gray(2), Blu Boam (2), Chaz Gardner, Tyler Moret, James Batten and Ollie Watts.

There was some league action, with Crofton Saints beating Baffins Milton Reserves 4-2 in the second division.

Goals from Dan Hine, Jamie Chalmers, Ryan Sargent, Josh Blyth gave Saints the points.

Irish crushed by Anchor in Junior B Cup

THERE were some big wins in the Southampton FA Junior 'B' Cup first-round.

AFC Anchor crushed Eastleigh Irish 9-1 thanks to goals from Neil Dennis (2), Aleem Dhuny (2), Terry Coupland, Lee Dear, Keith Johnson, Brendon Raafi and John Richardson. Aiden Reed replied.

A James Salvi hat-trick helped Bishops Blaize thrash Test Valley Spartans 9-1.

Ben Jacobs (2), Dave Jacobs, Mitch Wellesley-Davies, Andy Nichols and Adam Beston also scored as Bishops belted seven goals in the second period.

Grant Holmes' hat-trick helped AFC Southampton win 6-0 at AFC Bishopstoke, Kris Easton (2) and Darren Bundy also on target.

James Martin and Jon Andrews netted for AV Chivas, who lost 3-2 at Holbury United.

Andrew West, Andrew Knowles and Lee Vincent scored as Sporting Compass triumphed 3-2 at Coopervision.

Dan Smith replied as Obelisk lost 3-1 at home to Kingsgate.

AFC Toynbee romped into a 4-0 half-time lead against HSC Southern Stars thanks to goals from Dean Higgins (3) and Craig Davies. Stars replied in the second period through Mohamed Mohamaud and Ishaq Hussein.

Whitenap won 3-1 at Lapstone, Mike Richards replying.

City Central recorded an empathic 7-1 win away at Eastbrook Harriers in the first round of the Southampton FA Sunday Senior Cup.

AJ Cashmore netted twice while Karl Balthazar, Dean Ballard, Affree Constable, Jordan Graham and Izaak McLean also scored.

Rob Peters netted twice for Bedes Lea 97 at home to Avenue, but his side shipped seven.

Luke Watts (2), Richard Channell and Costa Sourmendis netted as Knighton Arms beat visiting Westwood OB 4-0, while Greg King and George Haynes helped Horns Inn triumph 2-0 at Sholing Celtic.

K.R.L needed extra-time to defeat Totton Town 2-0, thanks to goals from Michael Smith and Matty Gray, while Chamberlain Athletic progressed without kicking a ball as Old Mill were unable to field a side.

Masters at Work came from behind at half-time to beat Academy SC 4-1 with Ben Keen, Keenan Phillips, Blayne Cahill and Byron Gharabian on target.

MARK Blount and Russell Grant scored for Foresters AFC as they drew 2-2 with Bitterne Park Rangers in Division One of the Southampton Sunday League.

It was a marked improvement for Foresters, who had suffered an 8-2 drubbing against Otter the previous week.

Meanwhile, in Division Three, C&G FC went down 4-0 at home to Prestige South.

C&G were two down at half-time and never recovered as Jacob West (2), Louis LeMesurier and Lewis Woodford netted for the winners.

Roll Call Reserves defeated Fair Oak Albion FC 3-1 thanks to goals from Ricky Bull (2) and Mike Bessent. Sam Treadway replied.

Will Mason netted for Halfway United in their 2-1 victory over King George in Division Four. James Mellor was also on the scoresheet, while Chris Stamp replied.

DRAMATIC WIN: FC Salt

LANGER SO LETHAL

FC Salt preserved their year-long unbeaten home record with a remarkable result against Chartwell Greeen in their first ever Southampton & District FA Junior A Cup tie.

Both sides entered the game boasting 100 per cent league records, so it was no surprise the tie proved to be a tight one.

Salt twice netted last-minute levellers – first in normal time and then in extra time – to force an amazing 5-5 draw before winning on penalties at Gang Warily Sports Centre.

James Langer was Salt's goal hero with the first four strikes, and he was also heavily involved in their final goal which forced the spot-kicks decider.

Incredibly, Chartwell, for whom Mannion bagged a consolation treble, led FOUR times in the contest!

Of the ten goals, only one came in the first 45 minutes – Langer heading home from a set-piece inside in the first 10 minutes.

Mannion levelled for Chartwell straight after the restart, and the same player netted again five minutes later.

Langer headed his second – again from a set-piece – before Pete Rosher restored Chartwell's advantage.

Ex AFC Hythe player Langer levelled for the second time, though, by completing his hat-trick.With 10 minutes to go Chartwell took the lead for the third time with another well taken goal by the dangerous Rosher.

Chartwell thought they were home until, with almost the last kick of the game, Langer grabbed his fourth goal from another set-piece – this time a free-kick after Dom Mcmonagle had been fouled outside the penalty area.Chartwell were back in front yet again five minutes into extra time when Mannion became the game's second hat-trick hero.

There was only a minute left of the extra half hour when Langer raced through, only to see his shot well saved by the keeper.

But the ball went straight to Iain Hockings, who produced a 25-yard lob over the keeper's head.

It was Hockings' eighth goal of the season in only four outings.

Into penalties and Salt keeper Tafferell saved twice from Mannion and Rosher, who ironically had been Chartwell's only two goalscorers in the previous two hours!

Pithers missed for Salt, but they won through 4-3 thanks to successful spot-kicks from Mcmonagle, Keating, Patterson and that man Langer.

JAMES LANGER

SUNDAY FOOTBALL APPEARS IN THE PINK EVERY WEEKEND

It's 19 goals conceded in just two games ...

WOODMAN MISERY

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

WOODMAN suffered more misery in Junior Division 2 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

A week after an 11-4 thrashing by Itchen Manor, they were caned 8-1 at Ice House NH.

Peter D Munday and Ashley Baddams both hit a brace for Ice House with Mark Longland, Kev Longland, Mickey Jones and Aaron Baddams also on target.

Brookhill Saints Reserves pipped Athletico HC 4-3, with consolations coming from Wayne West, Jack Vass and Steve Townend.

Jason Steadman and Laurie Underwood scored as Itchen Manor won 2-1 at FA Railway, Dan Hancock replying.

Meanwhile, in Junior Division 1, Riverside Magic caned Castle Inn 5-0 with Joe Hinchcliff (2), Matt Coulthard, Gary Gotts and Callum Channell on target.

Sherfield English, fresh from an 11-0 success the previous week, secured a 3-0 win at Eastbrook Harriers Reserves in Division 3,

On target were Jack Adamson, Adam Quick and Terry King.

Cherbourg recovered from a goal down to defeat AFC Bursledon 2-1 thanks to strikes from Darryl Coffin and Gavin Cross. Sean Nutbeeen had put Bursledon in front.

Chamberlain Athletic Reserves and Royale Marine recorded excellent away victories in Division 4.

Chamberlain won 4-1 at Burridge with goals from Ben Vaughan, Matty Tench, James Long and Mike Wilson.

Marine went one better with a 5-2 romp at Itchen Manor Reserves, thanks to Jordan Penfold (2), Paul Eades, Adam Tighe and Russell Wiseman. James Craven and Barry Rice replied.

Terry Fredericks' injury-time goal for Southampton Bhoys secured a 2-1 win for his side at Woodmill. Craig Sturgess had earlier scored for the visitors with Steve Garrett on target for Woodmill.

Durley nearly staged a second-half comeback in their match with Portswood United in Division 5.

United, 2-0 up at the break, triumphed 4-3 with goals from James Barnsdall (2), Joe Powell and Dan Khdir. Mike Cooper, Zac Spridgeon and George Slimm replied.

Sporting View thrashed hosts Sherfield English Reserves 7-2 with goals from Ricky Richardson (2), James Baddams, Josh Knight, Craig Holloway, Tom O'Dell and Liam Wing (penalty).

There were 16 goals in the two games played in Division 6.

Hythe and Dibden Sunday won 6-3 at Marchwood as Dan Sultana added to his four goal tally from the previous week by netting a brace.

There were also goals from Leigh McIldoon, Jake Voller, Dan Piernicki and Kev Murphy.

Botley Babes were helped by an own-goal in their 4-3 win at Sporting Compass Reserves.

Sergei Bressloff, Jack Lochray and Jack Marshall were also on target with Jamie Holmes (2) and Ashley Lillywhite replying.

There had also been goals galore the previous Thursday in Division 5.

Ashley McGimpsey and Joe Cook both scored four times for Sherfield English Reserves in a 10-4 victory over Eastleigh Irish. Aiden Reed and Steve Whale both replied twice.

Meanwhile, Sporting Compass were 4-2 victors over HSC Southern Stars thanks to Tom Williams (2), Stu McCloskey and Lee Vincent. Hassan Sheikh and Sneider Fonangwan replied.

Jamie Holmes and Will Cousens both scored twice in Sporting

ON TARGET: Jake Voller, main picture, and Ashley Baddams, left.

TWO GOALS: Harry Wheeler, left.

IN the Southampton FA Junior 'A' Cup first-round, Linden Tree belted nine second half goals as they thrashed Carnival UK 12-0.

Lee Slade and Phil Jackson both scored hat-tricks, Kieran Walsh and Alex Sheath scored a brace, while Shah Bani-Shahin and an own goal completed the rout.

A hat-trick from Rob Elder helped Bridge AFC defeat Botley 9-0.

Danny Longman and Harry Wheeler both scored twice with Wayne O'Dell and Dean Ayres also netting.

C.S FC won 7-1 against Trants, with Ritchie Adames and David Philpott both scoring twice. Sam Floyd, Martyn Randall and Connor Young also netted.

AFC West End won 8-0 against Revolution with Toby Withy (4) and Kee Rushford (3) leading the rout. Josh Evans-Hunt also netted.

Joe Allen grabbed four goals as Sports Mania beat Languard Rovers 5-0. Dave Fielded completed the nap hand.

Fountain Court defeated Hamble Club 5-1 with goals from Lee Burch, Dave Burden, Martin Harris, Kevin Hodges and Sean Stone.

Old House at Home beat Hedge End Club 4-0 with Dan Edwards (2), Matt Pile and Phil Hunt scoring.

YOUTH FOOTBALL - SEE PAGES 34/35 AND 45

CRICKET EXTRA

A Graves warning ...

YORKSHIRE chairman Colin Graves claims some county sides are in danger of financial collapse.

Yorkshire, relegated from the Championship's top flight along with Hampshire earlier this month, were in the majority as one of the counties to lose money in 2010, with a pre-tax deficit of £2million.

Graves criticises the scheduling in county cricket, saying even he needs to pick up a fixture list to be sure where Yorkshire are playing from week to week.

And he claims some teams are struggling to justify themselves as professional sport clubs.

Graves said: "There is a serious risk of some counties going bust. When you look at it, some of the counties, the returns they make on what they've got and the profits they generate, will never justify being a business really.

"The problem we've got with the county game is that the majority of counties are struggling for cash.

"Unless we address that, there is definitely a risk of clubs going under."

A solution, according to Graves, would be to tighten up the programme of matches, possibly making the County Championship a three-tier competition, and pushing to bring in more spectators.

"At the moment, the players are complaining there's too much cricket, the members are saying the fixtures are all over the place and we need a better appointment-to-view so that people know when games are taking place to help increase attendances and bring in more money," Graves said.

"I'm the chairman of Yorkshire but if someone says to me, 'Where are Yorkshire playing?' I haven't got a bloody clue.

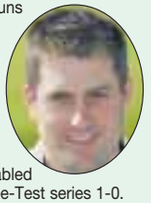
"I've got to get a bloody fixture list out because I don't know when we're playing from one week to the next - and neither does Joe Public. The fixtures are all over the place."

Pressure was on Phil

AUSTRALIAN skipper Michael Clarke admitted Simon Katich's controversial axing from the Test squad piled the pressure on another former Hampshire batsman.

Katich's, below, high profile exclusion from the list of central contracts when they were announced earlier in the year caused a storm of protest Down Under.

As a result, young Phil Hughes – who had a short and undistinguished spell at The Rose Bowl at the end of the 2010 summer – was recalled to open with Shane Watson on the recent tour of Sri Lanka.



After scoring just 56 runs in his first four Test innings, Hughes, who like Katich plays for New South Wales, came good in the second innings of the last Test earlier this week.

He struck 126 in a drawn match which enabled Australia to win the three-Test series 1-0.

Clarke, himself a former Hampshire overseas batsman, admitted Hughes had been under pressure to impress in Sri Lanka.

"I think it probably hasn't helped, the fact that Simon Katich did not get a contract," Clarke said.

"There are a lot of people who think he (Katich) should be here (in Sri Lanka) instead of Hughesy. "I know Hughesy and Katto get along very well, so it's certainly not personal. "But that's stoked the fire a little bit."

Katich is returning to Hampshire for a fourth spell in 2012.

Youth Football

MINI LEAGUE: Pirelli Pirates under-nines whites.
Daily Echo pics by Stuart Martin. Order no: 13156771

OUCH: It's a case of no pain no gain for this Warsash Wasps player in his side's clash with Oakwood Terriers. Order no: 13156781

MINI LEAGUE: Weston Sports under-nines whites.
Order no: 13156781

CRUNCH: Some tough tackling in the clash between Warsash Wasps and Oakwood Terriers, above.
Order no: 13156749

ON THE RUN: Pirelli Pirates go on the attack in their clash with Weston Sports, left.
Order no: 13156474

Smart start for

City of Soton Youth League

ROBBIE Smart hit a hat-trick as Sway made an accomplished start to their first season in the Under-18 League with a 6-1 Division 3 victory at AFC Hiltingbury at Hunts Farm.

A quickly taken free-kick released Luke Gurton down the right and, after rounding the full-back, crossed for Darren Clark to finish from close range to give Sway the lead.

Shortly afterwards, Gurton's pass was cleverly flicked on by Clark into the path of strike partner Sam Nailor whose shot beat the advancing 'keeper for Sway's second.

Meanwhile, at the other end, Sway's defence of Ben Bartholomew, Ashley King, Dan Marshall and Nathan David effectively kept Hiltingbury at bay with 'keeper Laurie Symons only called upon to sweep up through balls at the edge of the penalty box.

Dan Eynon crossed for Smart to tuck away a low shot to make it 3-0 in the second half.

Hiltingbury pulled one back but the goal jolted Sway back into action.

UP AND RUNNING: Sway under-18s.

First, Gurton's firm header from midfield was well controlled on the chest by Clark, who turned to volley in the goal of the game.

Immediately after the re-start Sway scavenged for possession and Clark played in Smart for a simple tap-in.

James Goodwin, who had worked tirelessly all match, then produced an excellent reverse pass to David Steadman, whose run and cross from the left was again ushered over the line by Smart to complete his hat-trick.

Sway new boys Goodwin, Marshall, Nailor and Miguel Harding all made confident debuts, helping the team to make their mark in the CSYFL.

Sarisbury Sparks kicked off life in Division 1 with a 4-1 win at Crofton Saints and there was also an impressive result for QK Southampton, winning 9-2 at home to Baddesley Park.

Pirelli Pirates also had a winning start to their Division 2 season, 7-2 at Alresford Town.

In the under-16 age group St Francis Rovers won their delayed Hampshire Cup first round tie 2-1 against Warsash Wasps.

A goal ahead at half-time, Rovers eventually triumphed thanks to Max Harrington and Brady Hampton.

Youth Football

GET STUCK IN: Action from the game between Warsash and Oakwood.
Order no: 13156749

MINI LEAGUE: Warsash Wasps under-nines whites.
Order no: 13156838

GET IN: Oakwood Terriers celebrate a goal in their game with Warsash Wasps.
Order no: 13156567

MINI LEAGUE: Stoke Park Rangers under-nines red.
Order no: 13156909

Sway U18

In Division 1 action there was little between the teams judging by the results on the first day of the league season.

Cherbourg won 1-0 at home to Sholing Red, Hythe and Dibden drew 2-2 with Winchester City Red, Salisbury City beat visitors Sholing White 3-1 and Winchester's White team lost 4-1 at home to Eastleigh.

Division 2 only saw a single game played, with Totton and Eling beating S&D 3-0 at Testwood Park.

Totton opened the scoring direct from a corner on 20 minutes.

Striker Aiden Collins responded for the visitors when he worked his way behind the Totton back-four to go one-on-one with the keeper before seeing his lob clear the bar.

S&D's Manraj Birring went close but his free-kick from 23 yards was also too high.

Totton started the second-half strongly, but Birring again went close with two further free-kicks, one hitting the bar and another the post.

As so often happens, Totton broke away and benefited from two defenders getting in each other's way.

The third goal came shortly before the break, once again following an S&D corner that was cleared upfield.

In Division 3, Romsey staged a second-half fightback to beat Wyvern 6-4 in a thrilling second-half, after a tightly-contested first-half where the scores were level at 1-1.

Two quick-fire goals after the break gave Wyvern a 3-1 lead but goals from Adam Donaldson, James Rumbold, Mike Simmonds, Cammie Ridout-Hine, Cameron Melling and Ash Blakley secured the win despite a late reply from Wyvern.

BTC Spartans beat Botley Village 5-1 with goals from Craig Johnston (2), Jack Betterson, Matthew Ireland and Sam Rawlings. Liam Gritt replied.

New Forest came from behind to be 2-1 ahead at half-time at Burridge, and eventually ran out 7-1 winners.

The Forest side's goals came from Zachary Millar, Brad Raynsford (who also missed a penalty), Jordon Grant and a Ben Towers hat-trick.

Andy Hardiman grabbed a consolation as AFC Stoneham thumped Sarisbury Sparks 6-1.

Blackfield and Langley beat visiting Townhill Lingland Panthers 2-1.

● Email your team's reports and team pictures to echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

No joy for Saints at Havant

LADIES FOOTBALL

SOUTHAMPTON Saints fell to a 2-1 defeat at local rivals Havant & Waterlooville.

Saints were slow to start and Havant took charge early on.

The hosts raced into a 2-0 first half lead and it wasn't until the second half that Saints started to get their act together.

Striker Browning got Saints back into the game when the Havant keeper's mis-kicked clearance fell to her.

But, despite striking the post late on, Saints were unable to find an equaliser.

Meanwhile, the Saints under-15/16s clocked up a 10-1 win over Winchester Flyers.

Grace Henderson showed her outstanding finishing ability with a hat-trick within the first 20 minutes.

Coral Oakley made it 4-0 and, after Winchester had pulled one back, Cleo Rawlings netted their fifth.

In the second half, Rawlings got her second, Ruby Collinson grabbed one and there were two more for Henderson before Tiffany Eley lobbed in the tenth and final goal.

The under-14s were also in amongst the goals in their first game in the New Forest League as they beat Corfe Castle 7-0.

Paris Payne made the breakthrough with the first goal and Saints went two up when a Tiffany Eley corner was headed into the net by Vogue Davies.

Ellie Pearce turned in a third just before the break.

The second half was all Saints, with Davies getting the fourth, Megan Chapman grabbing the fifth and then Pearce rounding off her hat-trick with two late strikes.

The under-12s also hit seven, as they smashed Winchester Flyers 7-1.

Four goals from Leah Brown and a hat-trick by Georgia Rose Mears were enough to get a Saints' league campaign off to a wonder start.

The under-11s beat Crookham Rovers 6-0.

But the under-tens fell to a 4-3 defeat against Winchester City Flyers.

Simge Rosz fired Saints into an early lead and, just three minutes later, Jennifer King made it 2-0.

Winchester pulled one back just before the break and the equalised and scored a third soon after the re-start.

Shell-shocked Saints recovered to draw level through Rosz, but Winchester provided the killer blow late on to run out 4-3 winners.

SEE MONDAY'S ECHO FOR ALL THE WEEKEND'S RESULTS

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN

Eur we go! Adam aims for glory ...

HAMPSHIRE star Adam Knott has only been playing goalball for a year, ***writes CHARLIE TALBOT-SMITH.***

But already he's thinking big – targeting promotion at the forthcoming European Championships before mounting an assault on the London 2012 Paralympics.

The 17-year-old, from Chandler's Ford, has been among the main beneficiaries of Great Britain opting to put their faith in youth.

Knott got a taste of the big time when taking part at the World Youth Championships earlier this year in Colorado.

Great Britain didn't find themselves on the podium across the pond but a few morale-boosting victories, including one over eventual bronze medallists the USA, has given risen to optimism in the British ranks.

Now Knott and co will turn their attentions to this month's European Championships in Poland – and the former Thornden Secondary School pupil is in now doubt about what he and Great Britain want to achieve.

"We will head out to Poland for the European Championships and there we want to come in the top three which will get us promoted back into the B-league," said Knott.

"The training has been very intense and we all feel great, there's a nice feeling in the squad before we head out, we have now shown what we can do.

"We have just got from an international tournament in Lithuania which was a real step-up in class, of the eight teams, six are in the A-League then there was the USA and then us and we're still in the C-League.

"We may not have won a game but they are all two leagues above us which is a huge margin and we came on so much as players.

"But we didn't get beaten heavily by anyone, nearly all those teams have already qualified for London and it was a great chance for us to show where we have come from and how much further we still have to go.

"We competed well with them and we know now that we can be on the same court as them and that has given us all a lot more confidence ahead of the Europeans."

While Great Britain has come on leaps and bounds in recent years, the world rankings would suggest that a Paralympic medal would be beyond them at London 2012.

We are always thinking about London 2012 ... a medal is the dream, as it is for everyone

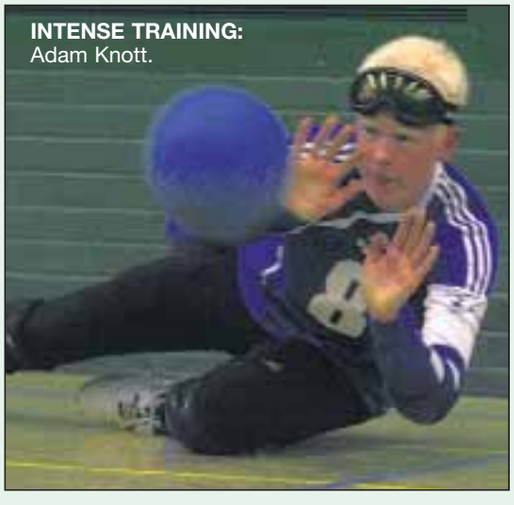
But while Knott is adopting a realistic approach he confesses he does allow himself to dream.

"London 2012 is obviously a huge moment for us so we are training to live in the moment and not get carried away with it all," he added.

"Of course we are always thinking about it, it's our main objective so it's always been in the back of my mind.

"We haven't really discussed a target, it's just a case of performing well and seeing how far we can get and if we can stay focused then who knows what we can do?

"Of course a medal is the dream, as it is for everyone."



INTENSE TRAINING: Adam Knott.

BEN'S HAPPY

JUMPING FOR JOY: Ben Ainslie, front, and the rest of the sailors who this week were selected for the London 2012 Olympics.

BEN Ainslie has refused to rule out taking part in next year's London 2012 opening ceremony – making the three-time Olympic champion sailor an early frontrunner to carry the British flag.

UK Athletics head coach Charles van Commenee has already stated he does not expect any track and field athletes to take part, while Britain's swimmers are in action the following day and have traditionally always swerved the ceremonial showpiece.

And four-time Olympic champion cyclist Sir Chris Hoy, another candidate for carrying the flag, has previously said he would follow his routine from three previous Games and wait until the closing ceremony to march.

Lymington-based Ainslie's competition will be staged 143 miles away from east London in Weymouth but his opening race is not scheduled until two days later.

Who carries the flag is decided by a vote of the team and Ainslie, who would become the most successful Olympic sailor in history if he added to his collection of three Olympic golds and silver, would be a popular choice.

"If it fits with the schedule it would be great to be there and experience. I went to Sydney and the ceremony

Britain will struggle to repeat Beijing medal

- STEPHEN Park believes Great Britain's sailors will struggle to match their medal exploits from Beijing at next year's London 2012 Olympics.
- Lymington's Ben Ainslie and ten others were the first names to be confirmed on next year's 550-strong British team, with selections in seven of the ten sailing classes now locked down.
- In over 100 years of Olympic history, Great Britain has consistently been a fleet leader, winning 50 Olympic medals, including 25 golds.
- And three years ago in Beijing they delivered a record six medals – four of them gold.
- But Park, the Royal Yachting Association's Olympic manager, is cautioning against a repeat.
- "We have the aim to win four medals and we also want to be 'medal competitive' in each of the ten classes, so perhaps, if things go well, then we will win more than four," said Park.
- "Realistically, considering the improvement of other nations, it will be very tough for anyone to

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE 2012 OLYMPICS AND

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN

TO FLY THE FLAG ..

CHOSEN: Iain Percy, above right, and Andrew Simpson.

feats ... and that's the view of the Brit sailing manager!

reach the six medal tally we had in Beijing next year."

- Each nation can only field one sailor per Olympic class, leaving Park and his colleagues on the RYA's selection panel with some difficult decisions, and even more difficult phone calls, in recent days.
- "If we were able to field two or three athletes in each event there would be more than one athlete on the podium with a GB tracksuit, I'm sure of that," added Park.
- Seven of the ten crew selections are now known and joining Ainslie on next year are windsurfers Bryony Shaw and Nick Dempsey, both medallists at the recent test event, who have no close domestic rivals.
- Reigning Olympic champions in the Star class, Southampton-born Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson, have also been given the nod to defend their title while Poole-based trio Lucy Macgregor, Sister Kate and Annie Lush, Britain's dominant women's match racing crew, have also earned their slot.
- Saskia Clark and Hannah Mills, who won silver at the test event, will sail the women's 470 in Weymouth next summer and Paul Goodison, the defending Olympic champion in the Laser, will also feature on the Dorset coast.

was amazing," said Ainslie, who is a member of Skandia Team GBR.

"A home Games is very special and it would be amazing to be part of the atmosphere of an opening ceremony, although the main goal is to make sure that I'm 100 per cent prepared for my competition."

Ainslie, a silver medallist in 1996 and gold medallist at the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Games, has faced a fierce selection battle with domestic rivals Ed Wright and Giles Scott for the one available place in the men's Finn fleet, the heavyweight dinghy in which he has twice been crowned Olympic champion.

However, his performances in this season's ISAF World Cup and at the Olympic sailing venue in Weymouth, where he won the official test event and Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta, proved decisive.

"This qualification process was definitely the hardest compared to the previous four I have been through," said Ainslie.

"The previous experiences have helped but at the same time having the Olympics in the UK puts an added bit of pressure on.

"People say I should be looking happier but this is an incredible sense of responsibility.

"We have huge strength in depth in a lot of classes and unfortunately in sailing there is only one spot per class per nation and there are a lot of sailors who aren't here and that only heighten the level of responsibility."

Ainslie's already feeling pressure

BEN Ainslie found out he had been picked to compete for his fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal in a text from his closest British rival.

He has been in a tough battle for the sole spot in the Finn competition in the Olympics with Giles Scott, Ed Wright, Mark Andrews and Andrew Mills.

Ainslie, 34, said: "I actually found out about the selection because Giles texted me. He had obviously spoken to somebody and found out the decision. I got a text from him a couple of days ago which is quite ironic really.

"He very graciously congratulated me. He is obviously a fantastic talent. I hope that he gets his chance in the future. He is a young guy. He has got time."

The strength in depth in British sailing means that just qualifying for Team GB is pretty "close" to how hard it will be to win a medal at the Olympics, Ainslie suggested.

He was among 11 sailors who are the first confirmed names in Team GB's 550-strong squad for the Games.

He said: "Unfortunately in sailing there is only one athlete per sport per nation. There are some very, very talented sailors who if they were sailing for another country could very well be at the Olympics winning medals.

"I guess it heightens the responsibility to also do those guys proud. We are very fortunate that we have such a strong squad and that hopefully pushes us forward to do greater things."

Last summer Ainslie weighed about 85 kilos while sailing in an unsuccessful attempt to win the America's Cup. He is now about 93 kilos for the Finn Olympic competition at Weymouth and Portland.

The weight gain is to help with the physical demands of the boat and conditions in Weymouth plus the rigorous training needed.

Ainslie won the key Sail for Gold regatta and test event beating his British rivals, including Scott, 24, who had upped their game in the two years Ainslie had been away from Finn competition.

Team GB sailing leader Stephen Park said: "Ben also knows we had Giles and Ed pushing so hard.

"Four years ago he was well ahead of the international field. Ed was challenging hard as a world championship medallist. This time he turned up and these young whippersnappers have beaten him.

"He had to get himself back up into gear and to that level if he is ever to expect to win a gold medal. We all know that Ben is not going to the Games for anything else."

PARALYMPICS IN THE DAILY ECHO AND SPORTS PINK SIX DAYS A WEEK

BOOK of the WEEK

High Strung
By Stephen Tignor

Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £11.99, saving £3.00 on rrp

Was this month's US Open final between Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic the next instalment in what promises to be a long-running tennis rivalry?

Tennis fans will hope that, despite the threat of an imminent player's strike, the pair will continue to serve up feats of the calibre shown at Flushing Meadow.

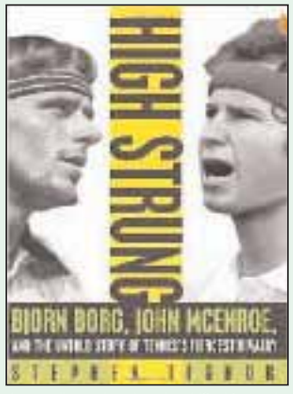
Those of a slightly older vintage will pray that the intensity of the Nadal-Djokovic rivalry grows to match that of Borg-McEnroe who, ironically, faced each other for the last time at the US Open final in September 1981.

McEnroe won what proved to be Borg's final Grand Slam match in four sets, following which the Swede walked off court, missing the award ceremony and drove himself away from professional tennis.

In this fascinating, well-researched account, Stephen Tignor examines the role tennis played in the lives of both men and how, despite the acute intensity of their rivalry (even though they only played each other 14 times), they were each better players, better men, for it. In short, the pair couldn't do without each other.

Tignor maintains that after he literally walked away from the game, Borg's life lacked purpose, direction.

He underwent a divorce, fathered a child to another woman, his second marriage collapsed and, as he drifted towards bankruptcy, he took an overdose of sleeping pills.



McEnroe, hair jutting from beneath his headband like a rusty bedspring, replaced Borg at the top of the tennis pile, but while he collected the US Open and the Wimbledon crowns in the same year, without Borg he went on to win just three more Grand Slam titles.

His response to Borg's decision to quit was one of disbelief. "It made absolutely no sense to me…I would ask him, 'When are you coming back? Tennis needs you. I need you.'"

Despite having the professional tennis field at his feet, the man against whom McEnroe measured himself had given the game up. Without Borg, McEnroe lost an important element of his motivation, or as Tignor puts it: "With other opponents, McEnroe competed against his own potential, his own expectations of perfection. But his respect for Borg allowed him to play him head-on and forget himself."

Nadal and Djokovic may ultimately match Borg and McEnroe in terms of great duels, but whether they will ever reach the same level of intensity wonderfully analysed in this very readable account, is doubtful.

TOOLSTATION
A LOT MORE THAN TOOLS

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN

Stuttering 2012 legacy

BRITISH Olympic Association chairman Lord Moynihan has added his voice to the criticism of the stuttering drive to increase sports participation on the back of the London 2012 Games.

Former sports minister Richard Caborn has branded the results of the campaign "disastrous" and now Moynihan has echoed concerns over the sporting legacy of the Olympics.

Moynihan said: "The reason the BOA looked to bid to host these Games originally was in part because it would lead to a step change in sport throughout the whole country, not just in east London but the whole country.

"We are a long way from delivering that step change. There's a great deal of work to be done in schools and school sports and connecting with the private sector.

"This is so important at a time when there are cutbacks in the public sector and when 60% of local authorities are reducing the time available for sport."

Moynihan added: "It's been a matter for governments and it's been difficult because of the economic difficulties. It's easy to focus on an extra £50m to £100m for security or an extra £50m to £100m for transport.

"It's been more difficult to persuade governments and politicians that just as important is the sports legacy and raising the bar.

"As I go around the country I see that we have got an inspired effect from the Games, there's inspiration. But I want to see the bricks and mortar that will be the lasting sports legacy. More pitches, changing rooms and playing fields not being sold off.

"That's the bricks and mortar I want to look back at after the Games and say that was the legacy of London 2012."

Latest figures from Sport England show there has been a modest increase of 111,000 in participation since 2007, and that 21 out of 30 sports have actually experienced a decline in the number of people taking part on a regular basis.

Sport England's chairman Richard Lewis has admitted the rate of increase need to rise much quicker and has put the onus on governing bodies – with the threat of withdrawing funding if they do not respond.

Andy's point

HAMPSHIRE ace Peter Norfolk has sympathy for the position of Andy Murray and Rafael Nadal in the debate over the tennis schedule but believes a strike would be going too far.

SYMPATHETIC: Hampshire's Peter Norfolk can understand Andy Murray's, right, complaints.

The players have scheduled a meeting at the Masters tournament in Shanghai next month where they will discuss their demands and what to do if they are not implemented, with both Nadal and Murray refusing to rule out strike action.

Norfolk, Britain's leading wheelchair tennis player, agrees there are too many mandatory tournaments on the ATP World Tour but does not believe refusing to play is the answer.

The two-time Paralympic champion, from Alton, said: "The crux of the problem is the number of compulsory tournaments they have to play.

"The players definitely have a point.

"You need downtime to recover.

"It's not just how many tournaments you play - it's the training, the travel.

"The paying public want to see the stars and they just have to come to some agreement, although how they do that I don't know. But I do think strike action is unnecessary."

Norfolk missed out on a sixth major title when he was forced to retire with a suspected side strain during the US Open final against David Wagner earlier this month.

It was doubly disappointing for the 50-year-old because he had dominated the USTA Wheelchair Championships in St Louis a week earlier, beating his great rival Wagner in the final for the loss of only four games.

Norfolk said: "I'm still waiting to find out what the problem is. I'm hoping it's just a strain.

"I was playing so well. In St Louis the results spoke for themselves and I went into the US Open very hopeful. I did get to the final and I defended all the points but I'd never pulled out of a match in my life."

Norfolk is hoping to return to training next week but he will not be back in competitive action until November, when he will contest the Doubles Masters in Holland followed by the Singles Masters in Belgium.

He has made no secret of the fact that a third gold medal at next year's Paralympics in London is his priority, with his whole schedule geared around peaking at the right time.

Applications for tickets close next Monday, and Norfolk added: "It's a fantastic thing for the general public to come and see, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the best wheelchair athletes.

"I'd love to be able to play in front of a sold-out British crowd."

● With under a year to go until the opening of the London 2012 Paralympic Games, you can apply for tickets from now through until 6pm on Monday, September 26. To apply for tickets and for more information, please go to www.tickets.london2012.com.

EMAIL YOUR SPORTS STORIES TO echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

cottages4you

Making your holiday cottage work harder for you

Whatever the size and style of your holiday property and whether it's at home or abroad, we are the largest 'one-stop' holiday lettings agency in Britain, providing helpful, specialist support every step of the way.

"We've been with cottages4you for almost 10 years and have never looked back. We secured 50 weeks last year and our 2nd let secured 43 weeks. They've been so successful, we've recently converted our 3rd property".

Alan and Nicky Hughes
Property ref W7164

Ask for our free comprehensive owner information pack

Call our property recruitment team on: **0845 268 0673**
Email: **propertyrecruitment@thehoseasonsgroup.com**
or visit: **www.letmycottage.com**

THE SALVATION ARMY
VICTOR STREET, SHIRLEY, SO15 5LH.
The renowned
WOODFALLS BAND
in concert.
Saturday, 1st October, 7.00 p.m.
Admission £7
(concessions £5)
Salvation Army charity No 214779

Picture house HARBOUR LIGHTS 08717 042 060

For film times or to book tickets please visit our website. You can register here to get film times by email every week. For cheaper tickets and benefits ask about our Membership options.

Ocean Village, Southampton SO14 3TL
www.picturehouses.co.uk

MACDONALD
BOTLEY PARK HOTEL, GOLF & SPA
SOUTHAMPTON

WEDDING OPEN EVENING
1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, BETWEEN 5PM & 8PM

See Macdonald Botley Park Hotel, Golf & Spa set up for a wedding while the Wedding & Events Coordinators are on hand to answer any questions. You can also enjoy a glass of bubbly on arrival!

MACDONALD BOTLEY PARK HOTEL GOLF & SPA

For further information please call **0844 879 9034** or email **weddings.botleypark@macdonald-hotels.co.uk**

www.MacdonaldHotels.co.uk/BotleyPark

Accident Injury?

- No Win No Fee
- Keep 100% of your compensation
- ISO 9001 Quality Assured Service

Fantastic win ratio

Rapid SOLICITORS
Call: 08451898324
• Free home visits • Lines open 24/7
• Consulting offices throughout the region
We are Rapid Response Solicitors - Regulated by The Solicitors Regulation Authority (Reg. No. 00512434)

SOUTHAMPTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
Cavendish Grove
Off the Avenue
Southampton

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m.

October 2nd
Darren Orlowski

October 9th
Jenny Docherty

October 16th
Geoff and Al Potts

October 23rd
Laura Langrill

October 30th
Minister
Dennis Jones

An Evening of Mediumship on Thursday, 20th October with Ross Bartlett starts at 7.30 p.m. £5 members £7 non members. With pay on the door or tickets in advance from Tracey on 07824 808652.

ALL WELCOME
Tel 023 8063 2662
www.southamptonspiritualistchurch.org.uk

LATE AVAILABILITY COACH HOLIDAYS

15 Oct : Italian Dolomites 8 day	£529
17 Oct : Warners Nidd Hall 5 day	£391
21 Oct : Blackpool Illuminations 3 day	£169
23 Oct : Bedfordshire & Bletchley Park 5 day	£345
23 Oct : Paris Spectacular 5 day	£419
23 Oct : Disneyland Paris 4 day	£249
24 Oct : Eastbourne 5 day	£289
24 Oct : Warners Gunton Hall 5 day	£199
30 Oct : Luxembourg 6 day	£369
31 Oct : Bournemouth Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£189
04 & 18 Nov : Ostend Turkey & Tinsel 4 day	£199
07 Nov : Jersey Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£241
07 Nov : Tenby Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£249
07 Nov : Morecambe Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£259
07 & 21 Nov : North Wales - Rhyl T & T 5 day	£199
07 Nov : Ilfracombe Turkey &Tinsel 5 day	£255
07 Nov : Blackpool & The Lakes T & T 5 day	£269
10 Nov : Thursford Christmas Spectacular 3 day	£217
11 Nov : Barons Court Xmas House Party 3 day	£159
13 Nov : Yorkshire Winter Special 5 day	£219
13 Nov : Ludlow Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£295
14 Nov : Torquay - Magic of Christmas 5 day	£199
14 Nov : Scarborough Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£229
14 Nov : Warners Bembridge T & T 5 day	£319
18 Nov : Sound of the Platters - Warners Bembridge 4 day	£197
21 Nov : Warners Norton Grange T & T 5 day	£149
21 Nov : Lake District Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£249
21 Nov : Valkenburg & Cologne Xmas Markets 5 day	£309
21 Nov : Barmouth Turkey & Tinsel 5 day	£279
21 Nov : Rhine Valley Xmas Market 5 day	£299
21 Nov : North Devon - Woolacombe 5 day	£189
21 Nov : Scottish Xmas House Party 5 day	£299
24 Nov : Thursford Xmas Spectacular 3 day	£214
24 Nov : Angela Holidays Xmas Lunch & Show	£35
25 Nov : Valkenburg & Dusseldorf Xmas Market 4 day	£255
25 Nov : Lille & Brussels Xmas Market 4 day	£219

Contact us now for full details

Angela Holidays

Oaktree House
Lowford
Bursledon
Southampton
SO31 8ES

Tel (023) 8040 8221
E-mail : bookings@angelaholidays.co.uk
www.angelaholidays.co.uk

Leaflet Distribution from only*
£19 per 1000
*Subject to size and quantity
023 8042 4646
sales@nqhd.co.uk

LATE DEAL

Everyone deserves a break in life!

PARIS & BRUGES
£99 pp
Fri 28th to Sun 30th Oct
Tour ref: 999046
(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £14.50 PER PERSON PER NIGHT)
Quote: Late Deal

We combine two of Europe's finest cities on this fantastic new three day break. We travel to France and stay in a 3 star hotel close to Lille.

Our first excursion will be a full day in Paris with time to explore at leisure, or join us for an optional guided tour.

We also visit Bruges, famous for its beautifully preserved architecture museums and art galleries, and countless cosy bars and cafes.

Your special 3 day break includes:
- 2 nights bed and breakfast
- 2 FREE excursions
- Guided tour of Paris only £10
- Return coach travel from **SOUTHAMPTON, TOTTON, EASTLEIGH**

ABTA The Travel Association

08448 11 11 26 www.justgoholidays.com

THE ULTIMATE SHEDS!
Whatever you want, WE CAN BUILD IT!

THE BEST VALUE FOR MONEY SHEDS IN THE SOUTH!

OPEN 7 DAYS! FREE QUOTES

FREE TREATMENT WITH THIS ADVERT
VISIT OUR DISPLAY AT:
Fontley Road, Titchfield
Fareham, Hants PO15 6QX
(opposite GARSONS)
Tel: 01329 841700
www.ultimatesheds.co.uk

We leave good advertising to the professionals.

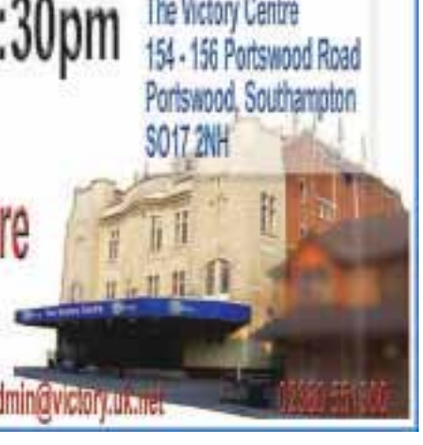
Here at the Advertising Standards Authority, we judge ads on whether they're harmful, misleading, or offensive. Not on whether they're funny, clever or they look good. Which is just as well, really.

Telephone 020 7492 2222 www.asa.org.uk

ASA

Keeping advertising standards high

Victory Presents
The Official Opening Of The Victory Centre
By councillor Brian Parnell
Former Mayor Of Southampton
Saturday 1st October
6:30pm
The Victory Centre
154 - 156 Portswood Road
Portswood, Southampton
SO17 2NH



www.victory.uk.net admin@victory.uk.net

Scare are they now

WESTON PARKS BOYS' SCHOOL, February 1989. Back row (from left): C Eldridge, K Read, J Hillier, D Osgood, R Goodger, A Pattison, S Collings, N Whitman. Front: M Colverson, S Steel, M Dove, D Shawyer, S Parker, D Eckford, D Wood, C Rodgers. Order no: 13176588

BASINGSTOKE REPRESENTATIVE UNDER-11S, November 1998. Back row (from left): L Searle, J Wright, C Radford, N Bearne, P Robson, J Cummings, D Cahalarn. Front row (from left): D Cahalarn, R Vine, M Coster, R Davies, D Mead, J Cooper. Order no: 13176227

TADBURN BOYS under-12, December 1989. Order no: 13176560

OAKLEY RANGERS, April 1973.Back row (from left): A Gregory (manager), P Ricketts, R Clarke, P Glasspool, S Goddard, R Coates. Front: C Peckham, S Rogers, S Brockway, R Coe, D Phillips, S Palmer. Order no: 13176201

LAVERSTOCK, May 1971. Order no: 13176204

HILL COLLEGE, Hampshire Schools and Colleges under-19 cup winners, December 1988. Back row (from left): Lee Russell, Ian Stills, Elliott Costick, Paul Friedrich, Ralph Page, Darren Colvin, Jason Hampton. Front: Jon Wyse, Tony Patten, Bryan Dimmick (capt), Ian Williamson, Ben Gregson. Missing: Martin Aslin. Order no: 13176221

Individual winners of the Echo/Saints Soccer Skills competition at The Dell, May 1982. From left: Neil Parker (Southampton), Jason Gregg (Gosport), Gary Flood (Andover), Lee Wilson (Isle of Wight), Christopher Lawrence (Basingstoke), Heath Reeves (New Forest). Order no: 13176200

Police Constable Tim Watts, from Cowplain, near Waterlooville, March 1985. Tracking down teams to play in the six-a-side soccer tournament. Order no: 13176242

SEND YOUR SCARE ARE THEY NOW PICTURES to echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

Scare are they now

Isle of Wight's Rupert Brown, above, shoots past Southampton schoolboy keeper Colin Hill, May 1982. Order no: 13176197

Danny Allsop and Matthew Pothecary who led their respective sides, Hawley Select and Olivers Battery, to victory in the Saints/Hampshire Police six-a-side tournament, October 1983. Peter Bridge (left), circulation manager of tournament sponsors Southern Newspapers and John Duke, Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Order no: 13176234

Darren Deeley (Fareham) and Darren Hewitt (Gosport) – January 1984. They were chosen to attend a soccer academy launched by then England boss Bobby Robson. Order no: 13176233

ST MARY'S COLLEGE, Southampton Schools six-a-side champions, November 1989. Back row (from left): Richard Acton, Richard Clarke, Derek Kenway, Barnaby Brander. Front: Dominic Quincy, Dominic O'Farrell, Andrew Rogers. Order no: 13176567

Gosport's Paul Mifsud tries his hand at basketball at The Dell – May 1982. Order no: 13176252

Weston Park's Joey Briscoe scores in a game, March 1984. Order no: 13181643

Weston Park's Andrew Foreman scores in a game, March 1984. Order no: 13181642

EMAIL YOUR SCARE ARE THEY NOW MEMORIES TO simon.carter@dailyecho.co.uk

Cricket Stats

COUNTY CRICKET MVP OVERALL 2011

	Pl	Pts	Av
1) Marcus Trescothick (Somerset)	41	597	14.55
2) Gareth Andrew (Worcs)	39	553	14.18
3) Darren Stevens (Kent)	43	541	12.59
4) Chris Nash (Sussex)	43	532	12.37
5) Ian Blackwell (Durham)	41	520	12.69
6) Samit Patel (Notts)	34	503	14.79
7) Chris Woakes (Warks)	28	494	17.64
8) Monty Panesar (Sussex)	41	489	11.92
9) Rikki Clarke (Warks)	42	479	11.40
10) Andre Adams (Notts)	24	473	19.72
11) David Masters (Essex)	36	465	12.92
12) Azhar Mahmood (Kent)	32	464	14.49
13) Moeen Ali (Worcs)	40	463	11.57
14) Steven Croft (Lancs)	45	460	10.22
15) Andrew Hall (Northants)	38	460	12.10
16) Dale Benkenstein (Durham)	43	453	10.54
17) Peter Trego (Somerset)	46	450	9.78
18) Steven Davies (Surrey)	43	443	10.30
19) Adil Rashid (Yorks)	41	443	10.80
20) Ryan Sidebottom (Yorks)	31	438	14.13
21) Alviro Petersen (Glamorgan)	43	35	10.12
22) Wesley Durston (Derbyshire)	42	434	10.34
23) Alex Hales (Notts)	34	431	12.69
24) Gary Keedy (Lancs)	35	424	12.13
25) Zander de Bruyn (Surrey)	43	422	9.82
26) Murray Goodwin (Sussex)	44	413	9.40
27) Tom Smith (Lancs)	35	406	11.60
28) Philip Mustard (Durham)	41	399	9.72
29) Chris Read (Notts)	43	397	9.22
30) Steven Kirb y (Somerset)	39	395	10.12

LV County Championship

	Pl	Pts	Av
1) Andre Adams (Notts)	16	415	25.93
2) David Masters (Essex)	16	386	24.13
3) Alan Richardson (Worcs)	16	380	23.72
4) Chris Woakes (Warks)	11	354	32.18
5) Marcus Trescothick (Som)	13	345	26.57
6) Ian Blackwell (Durham)	16	334	20.87
7) Gareth Andrew (Worcs)	16	332	20.73
8) Mudhsuden Panesar (Sussex)	16	332	20.72
9) Ryan Sidebottom (Yorks)	16	329	20.58
10) Rikki Clarke (Warks)	15	318	21.18
Hampshire Players			
45) Neil McKenzie	16	211	13.21

Clydesdale Bank 40

	Pl	Pts	Av
1) Chris Nash (Sussex)	12	177	14.73
2) Andrew Hall (Northants)	11	147	13.40
3) Peter Trego (Somerset)	14	146	10.45
4) Matthew Spriegel (Surrey)	13	143	10.99
5) Mudassar Bukhari (Holland)	11	141	12.77
6) Ed Joyce (Sussex)	13	138	10.62
7) Jason Roy (Surrey)	13	137	10.52
8) Wesley Durston (Derbyshire)	12	137	11.39
9) Paul Stirling (Middx)	12	134	11.19
10) Steven Croft (Lancs)	12	133	11.11
Hampshire Players			
31) James Vince	12	111	9.26

Friends Life t20

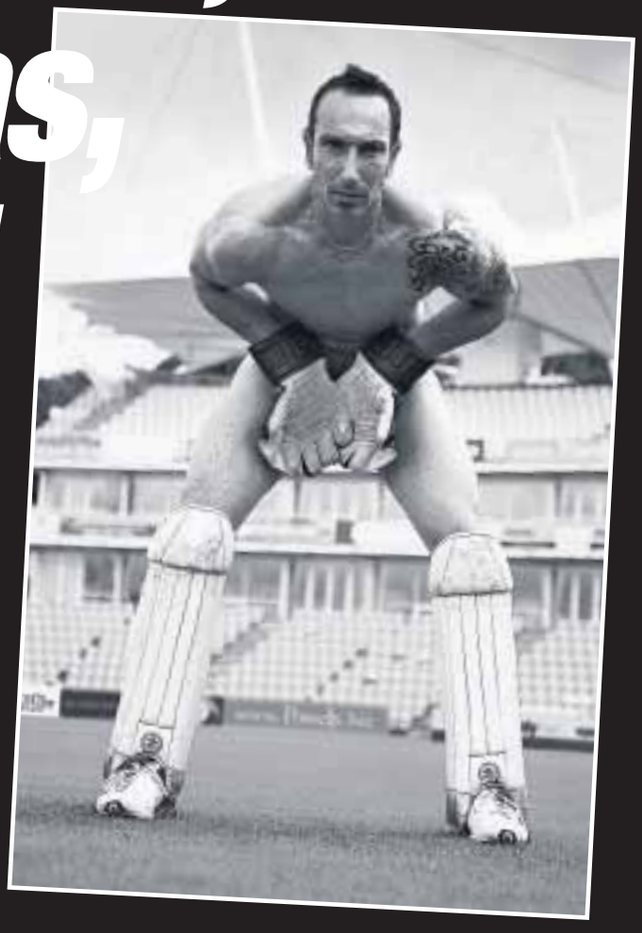
	Pl	Pts	Av
1) Andrew McDonald (Leics)	18	222	12.31
2) Azhar Mahmood (Kent)	15	191	12.74
3) Joshua Cobb (Leics)	18	180	10.00
4) Marcus Trescothick (Som)	16	158	9.90
5) Tim Phillips (Essex)	14	150	10.73
6) Gareth Andrew (Worcs)	13	150	11.55
7) Dimitri Mascarenhas (Hants)	**17**	**149**	**8.78**
8) Darren Stevens (Kent)	15	149	9.91
9) Tim Southee (Essex)	14	147	10.47
10) Alex Hales (Notts)	16	143	8.95
Hampshire players			
12) Shahid Afridi	10	140	14.03
16) James Vince	17	135	7.95
20) Danny Briggs	16	120	7.53
34) Neil McKenzie	17	113	6.66
48) Imran Tahir	16	106	6.64

Hampshire Overall FTI MVP Points 2011

	Pl	Pts	Av
James Vince	45	389	8.64
Neil McKenzie	39	371	9.52
James Adams	42	350	8.33
Danny Briggs	35	350	9.99
DimiMascarenhas	32	345	10.78
Sean Ervine	37	326	8.81
Chris Wood	25	274	10.94
Dominic Cork	34	272	8.01
Liam Dawson	32	256	8.01
Imran Tahir	29	249	8.57
Michael Carberry	15	143	9.55
Shahid Afridi	10	140	14.03
Michael Bates	25	120	4.78
David Griffiths	9	108	11.99
Nic Pothas	20	105	5.24
Benny Howell	19	104	5.45
James Tomlinson	6	77	12.91
Michael Lumb	10	70	7.01
Kabir Ali	5	60	11.92
Johann Myburgh	9	58	6.48
Friedel de Wet	4	47	11.66
Hamza Riazuddin	4	30	7.43

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Farewell, Nic Pothas, you'll be a very hard act to follow ..



HE has given Hampshire a decade of outstanding service and leaves the Rose Bowl as arguably the best wicketkeeper-batsmen in the county's history.

Only six wicketkeepers in Hampshire's history have dismissed more batsmen than the 591 victims Nic Pothas accumulated in all cricket during his ten seasons with the county.

He leaves as the only wicketkeeper in Hampshire's history to dismiss seven batsmen in an innings, a feat he achieved in an LV County Championship match at Old Trafford in 2006.

An outstanding team player, Pothas was always quick to deflect attention when he broke records.

"It's nice to have records because they can stay for a long period of time, but the bowlers should take the credit," he once said. "Wicketkeepers are only as good as the bowlers."

Pothas also dismissed six batsmen in an innings on three other occasions and is one of only three Hampshire keepers, Adie Aymes and Bobby Parks being the others, to have accounted for ten in a match, a feat he achieved in a thrilling win at Durham three years ago.

The sight of Pothas flying around behind the stumps will be missed by Rose Bowl regulars. Pothas will be the first to admit that he was not the most natural gloveman in Hampshire's history, but his work ethic was second to none and his batting elevates him to the top of the county's wicketkeeper-batsman pantheon.

Since arriving from South Africa to replace Adie Aymes in 2002, Pothas's record with the bat is unprecedented among Hampshire wicketkeepers.

How many others can boast a first-class average as substantial as Pothas's 43.88?

The answer of course is none with Pothas's predecessor the nearest challenger with an average of 31.22 during the course of his 15 years with the club.

Only one player can really challenge Pothas's claim to be the best in the county's history.

It is impossible to ignore the claims of Neil McCorkell who, as well as being prolific behind the stumps, scored more first-class runs than any other regular Hampshire wicketkeeper while averaging an impressive 25.87 – and all made in the days of uncovered pitches.

Comparing players from different eras is always difficult but Pothas's batting makes him a hard act to follow for any future Hampshire wicketkeeper.

Simon Walter
simon.walter@dailyecho.co.uk
CRICKET REPORTER

I still remember his delight at scoring his first hundred for the county, at Worcester at the beginning of his second season with Hampshire.

Having been out for 99 in the last innings of his debut season, Pothas was determined to make amends and he did so at the next available opportunity seven months later. His unbeaten 146 at New Road that day remains his highest score for Hampshire.

It was not just about Pothas's volume of runs, he always seemed to make them when they were needed most.

Hampshire never lost on the 19 occasions he made a century (which include two one-day hundreds) and in most cases they contributed to a winning cause.

One of his most memorable Hampshire tons also came in 2003. It was a difficult year for Hampshire, who were rooted to the bottom of the second division for much of it following relegation in Pothas's first season.

But the highlight was beating Glamorgan after following on at The Rose Bowl, a win set up by Pothas's brilliant 121 in the second innings.

He ensured the Shane Warne era got off to the best possible start with centuries at the beginning of the 2004 season and another as promotion was secured at Leicester a few months later.

Back-to-back match-winning hundreds in Hampshire's first and most successful season in the first division included a brilliant 139 against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham College.

Pothas and Andy Bichel rescued Hampshire from 81-7 by putting on 257, which remains an all-time record for the county's eighth wicket.

The following year, Pothas fulfilled a boyhood dream by making a century at Lord's against Middlesex.

It was his first game back

DAILY ECHO AND PINK: ALWAYS BEST FOR CRICKET

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

FLASHBACK: Nic Pothass celebrates Hampshire's C & G Trophy win in 2005 with Kevin Pietersen and, far left, posing for a charity fund-raising calender minus his kit at The Rose Bowl a few years later.

Pothas's record with the bat since arriving from South Africa in 2002 is unprecedented among Hampshire keepers

at headquarters since helping Hampshire win the 2005 Friends Provident Trophy with a useful 68. He was back at Lord's to win the last 50-over final in 2009, taking the Royals over the finishing line with an unbeaten 35 despite being hampered by a groin strain.

By then he had made his last Championship century with a knee operation and appendicitis restricting his availability in the last two seasons.

Those setbacks meant Pothas missed out on much of Hampshire's recent T20 success, with Michael Bates getting his chance at Finals Day this year and last.

But it should not be forgotten that Pothas made himself into a very effective player in the shortest format, plundering a record six sixes in one of his last T20 innings, a career-best 59 against Essex at Chelmsford last year.

Competitive

Pothas will be missed not just for his runs and dismissals but his leadership and competitive nature.

Despite being 37, he is one of the fittest players on the Hampshire staff and almost certainly has another year or two left in him somewhere.

It will be interesting to see what he is doing next summer, for he has many talents.

As well as having character, Pothas was a character.

Like George Brown, who is said to have kept wicket for England in motorcycle gloves, Pothas will be remembered for a prominent nose that inspired the nickname 'Skeg' (a reference to the shape of a surfboard fin) as well as other quirks.

His superstitious idiosyncrasies at the crease always entertained, as did the *Daily Echo* column I had the pleasure of ghostwriting for four years.

Pothas would be an excellent addition to the cricket media and has also hinted that he may do more coaching.

But if he does not sign for another county, the likelihood is that he will now focus on the rest of his benefit year as well as property development, which includes the building of a house in West End, and his clothing business.

Whether on or off the field, he is sure to give 100 per cent in whatever he does.

NIC POTHAS

TRIALIST WAS HAMPSHIRE 2NDS' TOP SCORER – PAGE 44

Cricket Stats

HAMPSHIRE'S LEADING WICKETKEEPERS

FIRST-CLASS

Victims	Runs	Av
Bobby Parks (1980-1992)		
700 (630ct/70st)	3,936	19.68
Neil McCorkell (1932-1951)		
689 (512/177)	15,833	25.87
Bob Stephenson (1969-1980)		
645 (570/75)	4,566	16.48
Walter Livsey (1913-1929)		
628 (374/254)	4,818	15.44
Leo Harrison (1939-1966)		
606 (507/99)	8,708	17.66
Adie Aymes (1987-2002)		
559 (515/44)	7,338	31.22
Jimmy Stone (1900-1914)		
469 (356/113)	9,167	22.30
Brian Timms (1959-1968)		
462 (402/60)	3,236	15.70
Nic Pothas (2002-2011)		
393 (370/23)	7,549	43.88
Charles Robson (1895-1906)		
181 (144/37)	3,299	15.27
George Brown (1908-1933)		
153 (102/51)	22,962	26.88

ONE-DAY

Bobby Parks (1980-1992)		
303 (260/43)	959	16.53
Bob Stephenson (1969-1980)		
249 (191/58)	1,111	9.91
Adie Aymes (1987-2002)		
268 (253/15)	2,210	23.26
Brian Timms (1959-1968)		
8 (7/1)	118	19.66
Nic Pothas (2002-2011)		
151 (120/31)	2,770	35.97

T20

Nic Pothas (2002-2011)		
47 (33/14)	687	21.46

Stats compiled by Jonathan Low

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Cricket Stats

BILAL Shafayat finished as top runscorer for Hampshire 2nds in Championship action in 2011 – even though he only played two matches!

Thirty one players batted for the county in all, including the teenage son of Rose Bowl chairman Rod Bransgrove.

Jack Bransgrove played one game for the 2nds.

Hampshire 2nd XI batting

	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
BM Shafayat	4	2	479	219*	239.50
BAC Howell	15	3	452	83*	37.66
TJ Ravenscroft	14	0	392	73	28.00
JG Myburgh	8	2	387	129	64.50
AP Rouse	14	4	350	102*	35.00
H Riazuddin	10	1	325	109	36.11
SP Terry	5	0	252	101	50.40
K Turner	4	0	185	82	46.25
F de Wet	6	2	181	66	45.25
MDT Roberts	5	0	163	86	32.60
CP Wood	5	0	147	39	29.40
SJ Steele	7	2	138	60*	27.60
CJ Stone	8	0	137	46	17.12
LA Dawson	3	0	131	87	43.66
AM Bates	6	1	103	64	20.60
JRM Miller	8	3	92	30*	18.40
DJ Balcombe	3	1	80	65	40.00
K Ali	4	1	77	48	25.66
AD Mascarenhas	2	0	74	74	37.00
DR Briggs	2	0	49	49	24.50
MA Carberry	1	0	42	42	42.00
A Rashid	1	0	35	35	35.00
J George	2	0	34	34	17.00
JA Tomlinson	2	0	26	17	13.00
MS Gregory	1	0	11	11	11.00
SD Snell	1	0	7	7	7.00
O Makin	4	2	7	5*	3.50
DA Griffiths	2	0	3	2	1.50
JD Sheppard	1	1	2	2*	
JWJ Bransgrove	1	1	1	1*	
GR McCaffrey	1	0	0	0	0.00

Hampshire 2nd XI bowling

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
O Makin	335	21	8-86	15.95
JA Tomlinson	405	18	5-47	22.50
H Riazuddin	332	15	5-51	22.13
JRM Miller	746	15	4-55	49.73
K Ali	217	13	7-37	16.69
CP Wood	194	11	3-59	17.63
DJ Balcombe	195	8	6-42	24.37
F de Wet	248	5	2-26	49.60
JD Sheppard	118	4	2-41	29.50
TJ Ravenscroft	146	4	2-22	36.50
BAC Howell	345	4	1-25	86.25
Ateeq Ali	132	4	4-98	33.00
DR Briggs	66	3	3-66	22.00
JLN Lilley	68	2	1-26	34.00
CJ Stone	17	1	1-17	17.00
JG Myburgh	29	1	1-18	29.00
AD Mascarenhas	36	1	1-17	36.00
LA Dawson	60	1	1-55	60.00
GR McCaffrey	84	1	1-27	84.00
LS Baker	100	1	1-69	100.00
SD Haggaty	96	2	1-35	48.00
A Rashid	129	1	1-51	129.00
SP Terry	8	0		
BM Shafayat	11	0		
MS Gregory	23	0		
SJ Steele	41	0		
DA Griffiths	58	0		

Championship 2nd XI most runs

	Inns	Not Out	Runs	HS	Ave
DM Housego (Mx)	12	4	883	158*	110.37
BM Shafayat (Ham, Nr, Sx)	10	3	813	219*	116.14
LJ Evans (Wk)	16	4	768	239	64.00
PB Muchall (Dur, Glos, MCCYC)	19	5	753	132	53.78
SD Robson (Mx)	12	4	744	170	93.00
LN Bentley (La)	17	1	715	168	44.68
BA Godleman (Es)	14	0	630	115	45.00
JC Mickleburgh (Es)	8	0	614	146	76.75
MJ Richardson (Dur)	13	1	604	165*	50.33
A Harinath (Sy)	11	1	599	130	59.90
MW Machan (Sx)	16	2	569	104	40.64
A Patel (Nt)	10	0	566	174	56.60
SP Terry (Ham, MCCYC)	21	1	565	101	28.25
MS Lineker (Dy)	17	1	559	125	34.93
DO Brown (Grn)	16	4	558	116*	46.50
A Javid (Wk)	17	2	549	104	36.60
AP Agathangelou (La)	17	0	542	153	31.88
J Clark (La)	13	2	541	122*	49.18
EC Ballard (MCCYC)	14	2	531	84*	44.25
BW Harmison (Dur)	13	0	523	91	40.23

Trialist's great run

THE batsman who enjoyed a run-laden spell with Hampshire 2nds earlier this summer finally finished his domestic season last weekend – with a first ball duck.

Bilal Shafayat played in two 2nd XI Championship games for Hampshire back in May while on trial from Northants.

On his debut, he scored an unbeaten 219 in the first innings of a remarkable game against Glamorgan 2nds at the Rose Bowl's Nursery Ground.

It was to end up as the 2nd XI Championship's third highest innings of the entire season.

The second highest came in the same match, where Glamorgan's Nick James struck 234 as his side successfully chased over 450 to win by three wickets.

Shafayat had followed up his double century by scoring 68 in the second innings.

In his second and last game for Hampshire 2nds against Middlesex the same month, Shafayat scored 105 and 87.

Despite that successful time on the south coast, Shafayat – who started his first class career at Nottinghamshire – returned to Northants and later played six t20 games for them.

He also played 19 Birmingham Premier League games for Wellington, who ended their season last weekend as runners-up.

Shafayat's Hampshire form, though, deserted him as he was out first ball against Molesley.

Nevertheless, he was easily his side's top runscorer in the league with 684 at 40.23, and also leading wicket-taker with 38 victims at 16.42.

Shafayat actually scored a century for three different counties in the 2nd XI Championship.

He also reached three figures for Sussex in April and also for his parent county, Northants, against Nottinghamshire in July.

There were only six double centuries scored in the 2nd XI Championship in 2011, and the most improble of them all was scored by a former Southern Electric Premier League player.

Salisbury-born Max Waller is used by Somerset as a spinner, but he opened the innings against Marylebone Young Cricketers at North Perrott back in April and blasted a stunning 206.

2ND XI CENTURIONS: Bilal Shafayat, above left, and Johann Myburgh, right.

Simon Carter
simon.carter@dailyecho.co.uk
SPORTS EDITOR

Waller, who turned out for Bashley Rydal in the SEPL, also scored 120 against Essex 2nds later in the summer.

Another man with two centuries to his name was Hampshire flop Johann Myburgh.

The South African Kolpak signing had impressed while playing for the Royals in the Caribbean T20 back in January.

He started the 2011 English season in the Hampshire first team, but was quickly dropped.

He spent the rest of the season in the 2nds, hitting 129 against Kent 2nds and 114 not out against Sussex 2nds.

There were also 2nd XI Championship tons in Hampshire colours for Sean Terry, Hamza Riazuddin and Adam Rouse.

Terry, the son of former Hampshire opener and first team manager Paul, struck 101 against Surrey 2nds at Wimbledon, while wicket-keeper Rouse hit 102 not out against Gloucestershire 2nds at Cheltenham.

Riazuddin, whose first team appearances in 2011 were limited to the CB 40, hit 109 against MCC Young Cricketers at Newclose on the Isle of Wight.

Bowling wise, Ollie Makin's remarkable 8-86 haul on his Hampshire 2nds debut against Surrey 2nds at Wimbledon in July were the third best bowling figures in the 2nd XI Championship in 2011.

The fifth best figures were Kabir Ali's 7-37 against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, while Makin also bagged 7-112 against Somerset 2nds at The Rose Bowl's Nursery Ground.

David Balcombe, who enjoyed a successful loan spell with Kent in 2011, took 6-42 against Essex at Southend, but those figures were not enough to force him into Giles White's first team plans last summer.

DAILY ECHO AND PINK – ALWAYS BEST FOR CRICKET

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

CHANCE: Hampshire's Danny Briggs could be handed his England debut on Sunday.

Briggs on the brink

ENGLAND'S stand-in t20 captain Graeme Swann has hinted that young Hampshire spinner Danny Briggs could feature in Sunday's clash with the West Indies at The Oval.

An experimental England side made short work of the Windies in the first game of the two t20 match series on Friday night, winning by ten wickets, and Swann, who is captaining the side in the absence of the injured Stuart Broad, has indicated that other new faces could make their debuts in Sunday's game.

The likes of Jade Dernbach, Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler, Alex Hales, Ben Stokes and Scott Borthwick have all made international debuts this summer and are expected to be on duty at the Kia Oval, while the uncapped Briggs is also in contention.

"I see this as a team of young people but one that has been brought up on a diet of Twenty20 cricket and excelled at it for their clubs," said Swann, pictured.

"I don't see our team next year being vastly different from this squad now.

"There will be the odd player that comes back in but cricket is one of those games where new superstars emerge all the time and this team has the potential to have four or five mega stars.

"We've only had a glimpse of what Jonny Bairstow can do, we've not seen anything of Stokes yet and we all know what a good player he is. Then, of course there is Jos Buttler, who does it day in day out in county cricket and will come to the party sooner or later.

"We've got the potential to have the most exciting top six in world cricket, which is great.

"And it is a great chance for Briggs and Borthwick to stick their hands up because they've got exceptional records domestically too."

CELEBRATE: England players after Ravi Bopara takes a wicket in the first match with the West Indies on Friday night.

Cricket Stats

WHO'S PLAYING WHERE? England's forthcoming international venues for home Tests, ODIs and t20 matches.

2012

Test series v West Indies: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Edgbaston.

Test series v South Africa: Lord's, The Oval, Headingley.

ODIs v Australia: Lord's, Old Trafford, Edgbaston, The Oval, Chester-le-Street.

ODIs v South Africa: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Cardiff, The Oval, **The Rose Bowl.**

ODIs v West Indies: The Oval, **The Rose Bowl**, Headingley.

T20 internationals v South Africa: Old Trafford, Edgbaston, Chester-le-Street.

T20 international v West Indies: Trent Bridge.

2013

Ashes: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Old Trafford, The Oval, Chester-le-Street.

Test series v New Zealand: Cardiff, Headingley.

ODIs v Australia: Old Trafford, Cardiff, Edgbaston, **The Rose Bowl**, Headingley.

ODIs v New Zealand: Lord's, Trent Bridge, The Oval, **The Rose Bowl**, Bristol.

T20 internationals v Australia: Durham, **The Rose Bowl.**

2014

Test series v Sri Lanka: Lord's, Headingley.

Test series v India: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Old Trafford, The Oval, **The Rose Bowl**.

ODIs v Sri Lanka: Lord's, Old Trafford, Edgbaston, The Oval, Chester-le-Street.

ODIs v India: Trent Bridge, Cardiff, Edgbaston, Bristol, Headingley.

T20 international v Sri Lanka: The Oval.

T20 international v India: Chester-le-Street.

2015

Ashes: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Cardiff, Edgbaston, The Oval.

Test series v New Zealand: Lord's, Headingley.

ODIs v Australia: Lord's, Old Trafford, Chester-le-Street, **The Rose Bowl**, Headingley.

ODIs v New Zealand: Trent Bridge, Edgbaston, The Oval, Chester-le-Street, **The Rose Bowl**.

T20 international v Australia: Cardiff.

T20 international v New Zealand: Old Trafford.

2016

Test series v Pakistan: Lord's, Old Trafford, Edgbaston, The Oval.

Test series v Sri Lanka: Lord's, Chester-le-Street, Headingley.

ODIs v Pakistan: Lord's, Trent Bridge, Cardiff, The Rose Bowl, Headingley.

ODIs v Sri Lanka: Trent Bridge, Cardiff, Edgbaston, The Oval, Bristol.

T20 international v Pakistan: Old Trafford.

T20 international v Sri Lanka: The Rose Bowl.

E-MAIL YOUR CRICKET STORIES TO: echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

ORDER TODAY
£550 OFF

Right now at DFS, for a **short introductory period,** you can **save at least £400 off** every sofa in the **new and exciting 2012 Style Collection.**

Introductory Price
£749
The Hobart 3 seater sofa in 100% real leather
After event price £1299
Save £550

£15.60 a month
no deposit, no interest ever

100% LEATHER

No deposit with 4 years interest free credit. 48 equal monthly payments. **Or pay nothing until Easter 2012** then 36 equal monthly payments of £20.80. 0% APR. Total £749.

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

4 years interest free credit on everything

or pay nothing until Easter 2012 then take 3 years interest free credit

think sofas, think **dfs**

Hedge End 01489 799722 Hedge End Retail Park, Southampton SO30 4RT
Waterlooville 023 9223 8520 Wellington Retail Park, Hambledon Road PO7 7FG
Poole 01202 680361 Wessex Gate Retail Park, Broadstone Way BH15 3TE

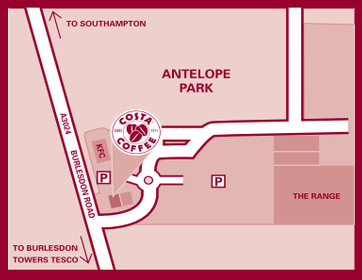
Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 9am to 8pm. Sat 9am to 6pm. Sun 11am to 5pm.

Save Time - Order Direct at **www.dfs.co.uk** or call Free on **0800 110 5000** 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Credit subject to acceptance. Credit is provided by external finance companies as determined by DFS. 4 years free credit from date of order. Delivery charges apply. DFS may alter or extend promotions at any time. Mobile charges may apply when calling 0800 110 5000. DFS is a division of DFS Trading Ltd. Registered in England and Wales No 01735950. Redhouse Interchange, Doncaster, DN6 7NA.

COSTA. THE PERFECT COFFEE IS NOW HERE.

ANTELOPE PARK, BURSLEDON ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON.



OPEN FROM 6AM MON-FRI & 7AM SAT-SUN

COSTA

Workout for Free

ENTRY IS FREE*

Try a variety of workout classes for free and support Naomi House at our GXF evening.

Thursday 29th September
5.25pm – 9.30pm

- Body Combat
- Zumba
- Body Jam
- Body Attack
- Bollywood
- Kettle Bells
- Body Pump
- Body Balance
- Indoor Cycling
- Aqua Zumba

PLUS A FANTASTIC MEMBERSHIP OFFER**

Fleming Park Leisure Centre
Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh
02380 684800
enquiries@flemingparkleisurecentre.co.uk

DC LEISURE
Fitness Industry Association
Operator of the Year 2008 & 2009

Naomi House jacksplace

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Operated by DC Leisure Management Ltd on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester City Council

*For non members & for kinetika members **Bring in this advert to claim.

V Hot deals on winter respite care breaks at Vitalise Netley

Vitalise Netley provides so much more than just respite care. With our blend of 24-hour on-call care, personal support and a choice of daily activities and excursions in a lovely setting, you can enjoy a truly relaxing break.

Don't miss out on a great discount or funding toward the cost of your respite care holiday.

With up to £250 off some brochure rates and many more V Hot offers call today to find out more.*

- Fully accessible Centre
- Beautiful relaxed setting
- Daily excursions
- 24-hour care and support
- CQC registered
- Funding assistance

For more information call
0303 303 0145
or visit **www.vitalise.org.uk**

Registered charity number 295072

* subject to availability

vitalise
essential breaks for disabled people and carers

Barclays Premier League

Arsenal ..... 3 **Bolton** 0
van Persie 46,71
Song 89
HT 0-0 Att 59,727

Chelsea ..... 4 **Swansea** 1
Torres 29
Ramires 36,76
Drogba 90
HT 2-0 Williams 86 Att 41,800

Liverpool ..... 2 **Wolves** 1
Johnson 11 og
Suarez 38
HT 2-0 Fletcher 49 Att 44,922

Man City ..... 2 **Everton** 0
Balotelli 68
Milner 89
HT 0-0 Att 47,293

Newcastle ..... 3 **Blackburn** 1
Ba 27,30,54
HT 2-1 Hoilett 37 Att 46,236

Stoke ..... L **Man Utd** L
HT L-L

W.B.A. ..... 0 **Fulham** 0
HT 0-0 Att 23,835

Wigan ..... 1 **Spurs** 2
Diame 50
HT 0-2 Van der Vaart 3 Bale 23 Att 18,788

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	6	3	0	0	9	0	2	1	0	10	5	16
Man Utd	5	3	0	0	14	3	2	0	0	7	1	15
Chelsea	6	3	0	0	9	3	1	1	1	3	4	13
Newcastle	6	2	1	0	5	2	1	2	0	2	1	12
Liverpool	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	0	2	2	5	10
Spurs	5	1	0	1	5	5	2	0	1	4	4	9
Stoke	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	5	8
A. Villa	5	1	2	0	4	2	0	2	0	2	2	7
Everton	5	1	1	1	5	4	1	0	1	1	2	7
Q.P.R.	5	0	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	4	2	7
Wolves	6	1	0	2	2	5	1	1	1	3	3	7
Arsenal	6	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	2	5	12	7
Sunderlnd	5	1	0	2	5	3	0	2	0	1	1	5
Norwich	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	5	5
Wigan	6	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	6	5
Swansea	6	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	9	5
Fulham	6	0	3	0	3	3	0	1	2	1	4	4
Blackburn	6	1	0	2	5	6	0	1	2	3	7	4
W.B.A.	6	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	2	5	4
Bolton	6	0	0	3	3	10	1	0	2	5	6	3

npower Championship

Birminghm ..... 1 **Barnsley** 1
Burke 86
HT 0-1 Butterfield 33 Att 17,836

Bristol C ..... 1 **Hull** 1
Pitman 79
HT 0-0 Koren 56 Att 12,254

Burnley ..... 1 **SAINTS** 1
Austin 53
HT 0-0 Schneiderlin 80 Att 14,170

Coventry ..... 1 **Reading** 1
McSheffrey 2
HT 1-1 Church 10 Att 12,309

Derby Cty ..... 3 **Millwall** 0
Bryson 24, Hendrick 39
S Davies 65
HT 2-0 Att 24,120

Doncaster ..... 1 **Crystal P** 0
Oster 65
HT 0-0 Att 9,362

Middlesbro ..... 0 **Ipswich** 0
HT 0-0 Att 17,741

POMPEY ..... 1 **Blackpool** 0
Huseklepp 90
HT 0-0 Att 14,935

Watford ..... L **Nottm For** L
HT L-L

West Ham ..... 1 **Peterboro** 0
Noble 11 pen HT 1-0

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SAINTS	**8**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**6**	**19**
Middlesbro	8	1	3	0	6	4	4	0	0	7	1	18
Derby Cty	8	3	0	1	9	3	3	0	1	4	3	18
West Ham	8	2	1	1	7	6	3	1	0	9	1	17
Brighton	8	2	2	0	9	6	3	0	1	5	2	17
Hull	8	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	4	5	13
Cardiff	7	2	0	1	6	4	1	3	0	4	3	12
Blackpool	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	4	4	12
Leeds Utd	8	3	0	1	9	5	0	2	2	7	10	11
Leicester	7	2	0	2	5	6	1	2	0	4	3	11
Peterboro	8	3	0	1	11	4	0	1	3	3	7	10
Crystal P	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	0	3	4	6	10
Ipswich	8	2	0	2	7	7	1	1	2	4	9	10
POMPEY	**8**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**7**	**9**
Reading	8	1	1	2	5	6	1	1	2	3	3	8
Birminghm	7	2	1	0	5	1	0	1	3	5	11	8
Barnsley	8	0	2	2	3	6	1	3	0	3	2	8
Watford	7	0	1	2	2	7	1	3	0	5	3	7
Millwall	8	1	3	0	4	2	0	1	3	2	9	7
Burnley	7	0	3	1	4	6	1	0	2	3	5	6
Coventry	8	1	2	1	3	2	0	1	3	2	7	6
Bristol C	8	0	2	2	1	5	1	1	2	5	7	6
Nottm For	7	0	2	2	4	8	1	0	2	3	5	5
Doncaster	8	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	4	1	9	4

npower League One

CHERRIES ..... 1 **Hartlepool** 2
Gregory 37
Solano 42
Horwood 87
HT 1-1 Att 5,275

Bury ..... 0 **M K Dons** 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,378

Carlisle ..... 1 **Stevenage** 0
Murphy 27
HT 1-0 Att 4,063

Charlton ..... 3 **Chesterfld** 1
Hayes 19, Jackson 29
Wright-Phillips 90
HT 2-0 Whitaker 72 pen Att 22,151

Colchester ..... 1 **Walsall** 0
Wordsworth 33 pen
HT 1-0 Att 3,103

Huddersfld ..... 2 **Leyton O** 2
Lee 22
Hunt 67
HT 1-0 Lisbie 85 Chorley 90

Notts Cnty ..... 2 **Rochdale** 0
L Hughes 35, Sodje 90
HT 1-0 Att 6,199

Oldham ..... 0 **Brentford** 2
Douglas 38
Weston 73
HT 0-1 Att 3,777

Preston ..... 2 **Tranmere** 1
Alexander 37 pen
Mayor 71
HT 1-0 Baxter 60 Att 17,281

Scunthorpe ..... 2 **Yeovil** 1
Mozika 44,53
HT 1-1 Wotton 45 pen Att 4,086

Sheff Wed ..... 3 **Exeter** 0
O Connor 40
Madine 43,75 pen
HT 2-0 Att 16,995

Wycombe ..... 1 **Sheff Utd** 0
Beavon 31
HT 1-0 Att 5,506

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Charlton	9	3	2	0	11	4	4	0	0	9	4	23
Sheff Utd	10	4	0	1	12	5	2	2	1	5	3	20
Hartlepool	9	2	2	0	6	1	3	2	0	11	7	19
Notts Cnty	10	4	0	1	11	6	2	1	2	7	5	19
Preston	8	4	0	1	11	8	2	1	0	6	2	19
Brentford	10	2	1	2	9	6	4	0	1	6	3	19
Sheff Wed	10	5	0	0	13	4	1	1	3	6	12	19
Huddersfld	10	3	2	0	11	5	1	4	0	7	4	18
M K Dons	9	2	2	0	10	5	3	1	1	7	4	18
Carlisle	10	2	0	3	5	9	3	1	1	7	6	16
Tranmere	10	2	2	1	5	3	2	0	3	6	7	14
Oldham	10	1	2	2	4	6	3	0	2	8	9	14
Stevenage	10	2	2	1	11	7	1	2	2	5	5	13
Colchester	10	2	2	1	7	5	1	2	2	8	10	13
Chesterfld	10	2	2	1	6	4	1	0	4	7	12	11
Scunthorpe	10	1	3	1	6	6	0	3	2	7	9	9
Walsall	10	1	2	2	4	5	1	1	3	6	7	9
CHERRIES	**10**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**10**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**9**	**9**
Yeovil	10	2	0	3	6	6	0	2	3	5	9	8
Wycombe	9	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	4	8	8
Rochdale	10	1	2	2	6	8	1	0	4	6	12	8
Bury	10	1	1	3	5	9	1	1	3	3	9	8
Exeter	10	1	1	3	4	8	0	1	4	0	8	5
Leyton O	10	0	0	5	4	12	0	3	2	3	9	3

npower League Two

Aldershot ..... 0 **Crawley** 1
Doughty 64
HT 0-0 Att 3,276

Bradford ..... 1 **AFC Wimbledon** 2
Flynn 26 pen
Midson 31
Jolley 57
HT 1-1 Att 10,255

Cheltnham ..... 0 **Hereford** 0
HT 0-0 Att 3,011

Crewe ..... 1 **Port Vale** 1
Moore 72
HT 0-0 Pope 74 Att 6,613

Gillingham ..... 3 **Burton Albion** 1
Kedwell 20,50
Nouble 49
HT 1-1 Kee 40 Att 4,946

Morecambe ..... 2 **Bristol R** 3
Price 57
Ellison 63
Bolger 27
McGleish 65
Anyinsah 72
HT 0-1 Att 2,583

Northmptn ..... 2 **Dagenham** 1
Davies 17
Akinfenwa 60
HT 1-0 Lee 90 Att 4,274

Oxford Utd ..... 1 **Acc Stanley** 1
McLaren 35
HT 1-0 Murphy 62 Att 6,472

Plymouth ..... 2 **Macclesfld** 0
Feeney 20
Williams 53
HT 1-0 Att 6,005

Rotherham ..... 0 **Southend** 4
Gilbert 10
HT 0-1 Timlin 47,60, Harris 64

Shrewsbry ..... 2 **Torquay** 0
Collins 6,49
HT 1-0 Att 5,263

Swindon ..... 4 **Barnet** 0
De Vita 11, Ritchie 22,65
Kerrouche 45
HT 3-0 Att 7,279

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morecambe	10	2	1	2	11	5	4	1	0	10	3	20
Shrewsbry	10	4	1	0	10	3	2	1	2	5	6	20
Southend	10	3	1	1	6	3	3	0	2	9	8	19
Crawley	10	4	0	1	12	5	2	1	2	7	12	19
Rotherham	10	3	1	1	9	7	2	2	1	12	9	18
Gillingham	10	3	1	1	8	3	2	1	2	10	8	17
Wimbledon	10	2	1	2	10	10	3	1	1	7	6	17
Oxford Utd	10	1	4	0	7	5	3	0	2	6	5	16
Burton Albion	10	3	2	0	7	3	1	2	2	7	9	16
Swindon	10	4	0	1	13	4	1	0	4	4	6	15
Port Vale	10	2	1	2	13	11	2	2	1	9	6	15
Bristol R	10	2	1	2	4	4	2	2	1	9	10	15
Torquay	10	1	3	1	11	10	2	2	1	4	4	14
Cheltnham	10	3	1	1	7	3	1	1	3	6	10	14
Aldershot	10	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	1	6	4	14
Crewe	10	2	1	2	9	7	2	0	3	3	6	13
Northmptn	10	1	2	2	4	6	2	1	2	8	7	12
Macclesfld	10	2	2	1	8	3	1	0	4	4	9	11
Acc Stanley	10	2	1	2	5	6	0	4	1	3	6	11
Dagenham	10	1	1	3	3	6	2	0	3	4	6	10
Barnet	10	1	2	2	5	7	1	1	3	6	13	9
Bradford	10	1	1	3	8	9	0	2	3	5	9	6
Hereford	10	1	0	4	2	15	0	3	2	2	5	6
Plymouth	10	1	0	4	3	9	0	1	4	2	10	4

Clydesdale Bank Premier

Celtic ..... 2 **Inverness CT** 0
Ledley 28
Forrest 33 HT 2-0

Dunfrmline ..... 0 **Rangers** 4
Bocanegra 9
Edu 17
Naismith 51,81
HT 0-2 Att 7,577

Hibernian ..... 3 **Dundee Utd** 3
O Connor 22
Robertson 72 og
Agogo 74
HT 1-2 Daly 28,68 Swanson 33 Att 9,360

Motherwell ..... 1 **Aberdeen** 0
McHugh 84
HT 0-0 Att 4,348

St Mirren ..... 3 **Kilmarnock** 0
McGowan 32,45 pen
Hasselbaink 85
HT 2-0 Att 5,013

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rangers	8	2	1	0	7	3	5	0	0	12	0	22
Celtic	8	3	0	1	11	2	3	0	1	7	4	18
Motherwell	9	3	0	2	5	6	2	0	1	5	6	16
Hearts	8	3	0	1	7	1	2	1	1	2	3	12
St Mirren	9	2	1	2	4	3	1	2	1	3	4	12
Kilmarnock	8	2	2	0	7	3	0	2	2	4	8	10
Dundee Utd	9	1	2	2	5	5	1	2	1	8	11	10
St Johnstn	7	0	1	2	3	6	2	2	0	4	0	9
Dunfrmline	8	0	3	2	7	13	2	0	1	4	3	9
Hibernian	8	0	2	2	4	7	1	1	2	4	8	6
Aberdeen	9	1	2	1	4	4	0	1	4	0	7	6
Inverness CT	9	1	1	2	3	5	0	1	4	5	13	5

UNBEATEN: Manu Tuilagi touches down for England as his side remained undefeated at the Rugby World Cup with a 67-3 win over Romania.

Scottish Division One

Ayr Utd ..... 1 **Queen Sth** 0
Roberts 84
HT 0-0 Att 1,582

Dundee ..... 0 **Hamilton** 1
McLaughlin 66
HT 0-0 Att 4,186

Livingston ..... 2 **Partick** 1
Deuchar 29
Jacobs 90
HT 1-0 Elliot 51 Att 2,251

Morton ..... 3 **Falkirk** 2
MacDonald 6,54 pen
Jackson 58
HT 1-2 Weatherston 17 Alston 24 Att 2,621

Raith ..... 0 **Ross Cnty** 1
HT 0-0 Boyd 82 Att 1,479

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morton	7	3	0	0	9	4	1	2	1	3	5	14
Hamilton	7	1	2	0	8	4	2	1	1	4	3	12
Livingston	7	2	2	0	9	6	0	2	1	3	4	10
Ross Cnty	7	1	3	0	5	3	1	1	1	3	6	10
Falkirk	7	2	1	0	5	3	0	2	2	5	7	9
Partick	7	2	1	1	7	3	0	1	2	4	6	8
Raith	7	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	6	5	8
Ayr Utd	7	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	2	2	9	8
Queen Sth	7	2	0	1	6	4	0	1	3	3	7	7
Dundee	7	0	1	2	1	3	2	0	2	5	6	7

Scottish Division Two

Airdrie Utd ..... 1 **Stirling A** 1
Boyle 4
HT 1-1 Davieson 37 Att 709

Brechin ..... 2 **Arbroath** 3
Buist 29
McManus 82 pen
Sibanda 36
Doris 78 pen
Swankie 88
HT 1-1 Att 911

Cowdenbth ..... 2 **Albion R** 1
Naismith 21,37 pen
HT 2-0 Chaplain 83 Att 304

Forfar ..... 0 **Dumbarton** 2
Winters 32, Prunty 61
HT 0-1 Att 493

Stenhsmuir ..... 2 **East Fife** 1
Kean 19
Rodgers 88
HT 1-0 Wallace 56 Att 642

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Arbroath	7	4	0	0	16	5	2	0	1	7	7	18
Cowdenbth	7	3	0	0	8	4	2	1	1	12	6	16
Stenhsmuir	7	3	0	0	7	2	1	2	1	6	7	14
Forfar	7	1	1	2	7	9	2	0	1	5	3	10
Stirling A	7	1	2	1	7	8	1	1	1	8	6	9
Brechin	7	1	1	2	7	7	1	1	1	4	5	8
Airdrie Utd	7	2	1	1	9	6	0	0	3	3	8	7
Dumbarton	7	0	0	3	4	13	2	1	1	11	6	7
Albion R	7	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	3	5	14	5
East Fife	7	1	1	1	3	7	0	0	4	3	9	4

Scottish Division Three

Alloa ..... 4 **Montrose** 2
R McCord 4 pen
Cawley 28,79
Gordon 51
HT 2-2 Cambell 27 Boyle 37 Att 461

Annan Athletic .. 3 **E Stirling** 0
Sloan 10
Cox 25,33
HT 3-0 Att 511

Clyde ..... 1 **Berwick** 4
Neill 48
Gray 41
Gribben 54,56
E Smith 90
HT 0-1 Att 618

Peterhead ..... 1 **Queens Park** 1
Bavidge 73
HT 0-0 Watt 52 Att 478

Stranraer ..... 1 **Elgin** 0
Shepherd 15
HT 1-0 Att 365

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Annan Athletic	7	4	0	0	11	2	2	0	1	8	8	18
Alloa	7	2	1	0	8	5	3	0	1	7	5	16
Stranraer	7	3	0	1	9	6	2	0	1	9	3	15
Elgin	7	3	0	1	8	4	1	0	2	3	5	12
Berwick	7	2	0	1	7	5	1	1	2	7	8	10
Clyde	7	2	0	2	4	6	1	1	1	5	3	10
Queens Park	7	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	2	5	8	8
Montrose	7	1	0	2	5	9	1	0	3	4	7	6
Peterhead	7	0	1	2	4	7	1	0	3	4	6	4
E Stirling	7	1	0	3	2	6	0	0	3	2	9	3

Blue Square Bet Premier

Alfreton Town .... 2 **Ebbsfleet United** 2
Brown 49
Jarman 64
HT 0-2 Enver-Marum 5 Willock 45 Att 661

Bath City ..... 0 **Kettering** 1
Sangare 2
HT 0-1 Att 734

Cambridge ..... 2 **Darlington** 0
Gash 23, Shaw 62
HT 1-0 Att 2,300

Fleetwood T ..... 2 **AFC Telford** 2
Brodie 76,90
Killock 43
Newton 58
HT 0-1 Att 1,686

Grimsby ..... 1 **Wrexham** 3
Hearn 29
Pogba 16, Harris 62
Fowler 68
HT 1-1 Att 3,515

Hayes & Yead .... 2 **Gateshead** 3
Soares 72 pen
Collins 83
HT 0-3 Shaw 22,34,45 Att 218

Lincoln City ..... 1 **Forest Grn** 1
Hone 60
HT 0-1 McDonald 2 Att 2,076

Mansfield ..... 0 **Kiddrmnstr** 3
Storer 6, Wright 7
Vaughan 23 pen
HT 0-3 Att 2,522

Newport County 2 **Barrow** 2
Jarvis 9
Rose 73
HT 1-1 Boyes 5 Baker 90 pen Att 1,315

Southport ..... 0 **Braintree Town** 4
Chilaka 27, Marks 45
Reason 56, Yiadom 66
HT 0-2 Att 938

Tamworth ..... 1 **Stockport** 1
Christie 90
HT 0-0 Chadwick 48

York ..... 3 **Luton** 0
Chambers 9,45, Walker 31
HT 3-0 Att 3,570

	HOME					AWAY					
Top Ten	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wrexham	11	3	1	1	8	4	4	1	1	12	6	23
Gateshead	11	3	2	0	8	2	4	0	2	12	10	23
Braintree T	11	3	1	1	10	4	4	0	2	10	5	22
Fleetwood T	11	3	3	0	11	5	3	0	2	8	9	21
York	11	3	1	2	9	5	3	1	1	11	4	20
Luton	11	4	1	0	12	3	1	4	1	7	8	20
Kiddrmnstr	11	2	2	1	10	7	4	0	2	11	9	20
Mansfield	11	2	3	1	11	6	3	1	1	7	6	19
Cambridge	11	4	1	1	9	4	1	3	1	4	4	19
Tamworth	11	3	2	1	7	5	2	1	2	5	5	18

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

POOLS CHECK

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
POOLS	1	1	1	1	L	2	1	●	●	●	●	1	1	2	1	L	1	1	2	1	1	1	●	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	●	1	1	1	●	1	1	1	1	1	●	1	1	1	1	1	1
CHECK	2	1	1	1	L	2	1	1	2	2	●	1	2	2	2	L	1	●	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	●	1	1	1	●	2	2	●	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

ISSN 0969-563X
9 770969 563069 38<
P 55p ISSN 0969-563X
Published by Newsquest Media (Southern) Ltd, and printed at Newsquest (Southern) Ltd, from its offices at Newspaper House, Test Lane, Redbridge, Southampton, SO16 9JX. Telephone: 023 8042 4800. Registered at the Post Office as a newspaper. 122nd year. No. 37488

Local non-league results

BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH
Basingstoke 4 Farnborough 3
Bromley 1 Welling 1
Chelmsford 0 Boreham Wood 0
Dartford 3 Tonbridge Angels 1
Dorchester 0 Woking 0
Dover 1 Havant & Waterlooville 1
Eastleigh 2 Staines 1
Hampton & Richmond 3 Weston-super-Mare 1
Salisbury 3 Eastbourne 0
Sutton 4 Maidenhead 1
Thurrock 1 Truro 1

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division:
AFC Totton 0 Hitchin 1
Arlesey 0 Bashley 2
Bedford 1 Oxford City 2
Brackley 0 Cirencester 0
Cambridge City 3 Banbury 0
Chesham 2 Evesham 1
Chippenham 4 Hemel Hempstead 1
Frome 3 Redditch 2
Stourbridge 2 St Albans 1
Swindon Supermarine 0 Leamington 1
Weymouth 1 Barwell 1
Division One South & West:
Abingdon Utd 0 Bishops Cleeve 0
Cinderford 3 Mangotsfield 0
Clevedon 0 Hungerford 1
Didcot 2 Poole Town 5
Sholing 1 Bridgwater 2
Taunton 3 North Leigh 3
Thatcham 0 Paulton Rovers 0
Tiverton 1 Stourport Swifts 0
Wimborne 5 Halesowen 4
Yate 1 Gosport Borough 1

FA VASE – second qualifying round
Christchurch 2 Horndean 1
Alton 2 New Milton 1

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Bemerton HH 3 Winchester City 1
Hamworthy Utd 4 Newport IoW 0
Laverstock & Ford 1 Brading 2
Division One:
Fleet Spurs 4 Amesbury 0
Stockbridge 1 Warminster 1
Verwood 2 Tadley Calleva 1

PUMA ENGINEERING HANTS PREMIER LEAGUE
League Cup – first round:
Liss Athletic 1 University of Portsmouth 1 (aet)
Senior Division:
AFC Stoneham 1 Liphook 5
Bournemouth Sports 4 Colden Common 3
Hedge End Rangers 2 AFC Aldermaston 2
Otterbourne 0 Paulsgrove 2
Overton 0 Fleetlands 4
QK Soton 5 Winchester Castle 1
Sporting BW 1 Hamble Club 3
Combination:
AFC Aldermaston 0 Otterbourne 1
Colden Common 3 Liss Athletic 2
Fleetlands 2 QK Soton 0
Hamble Club 1 AFC Stoneham 2
Liphook pp Overton
Paulsgrove 5 Sporting BW 3
Winchester Castle 2 Clanfield 4

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP – first round
Locks Heath 5 Clanfield 1

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division:
Moneyfields 0 Sholing 6
Newport IoW 1 Fleet Town 3
Division One West:
Fawley AFC 5 Verwood 0
Lymington Town 1 East Cowes Vics 7
Ringwood 1 Hythe & Dibden 4
Division One East:
Alresford 6 Whitchurch 1
GE Hamble 2 AFC Portchester 5
Horndean 1 Hayling Utd 2
Tadley Calleva 6 Fareham Town 2

MAGNATA CARE HANTS LEAGUE 2004
Broughton 5 Michelmersh & Timsbury 2
Fair Oak 2 Durley 2
Four Marks 2 Portsmouth RN 1
Horndean Utd 2 Upham 2
Infinity 1 Crusaders 2
Mottisfont 5 Botley Village 5

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Senior Premier:
AFC Hiltingbury 1 Forest Town 1
BTC Soton 1 Nursling 2
Bush Hill 4 Comrades 1
London Airways 1 Soton University 6
Senior One:
Burridge AFC 1 White Horse 3
Comrades Res 2 Cadnam Utd 3
Durley Res 2 Thornhill HK 7
Hythe Aztecs 5 Hedge End Town 1
Lyndhurst 0 Netley CS Res 3
Michelmersh & Timsbury Res 3 BTC Soton Res 0